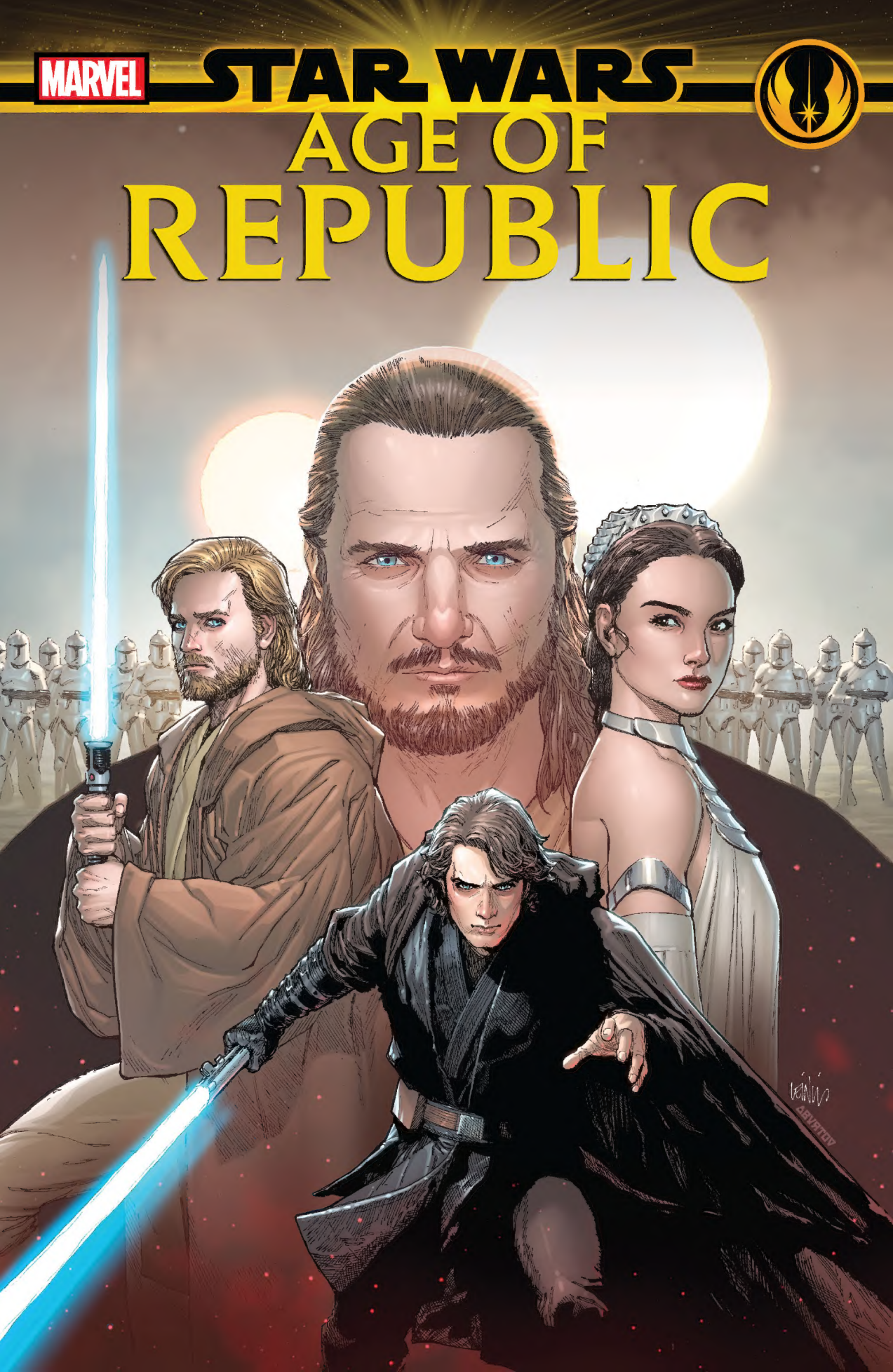
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"BALANCE"

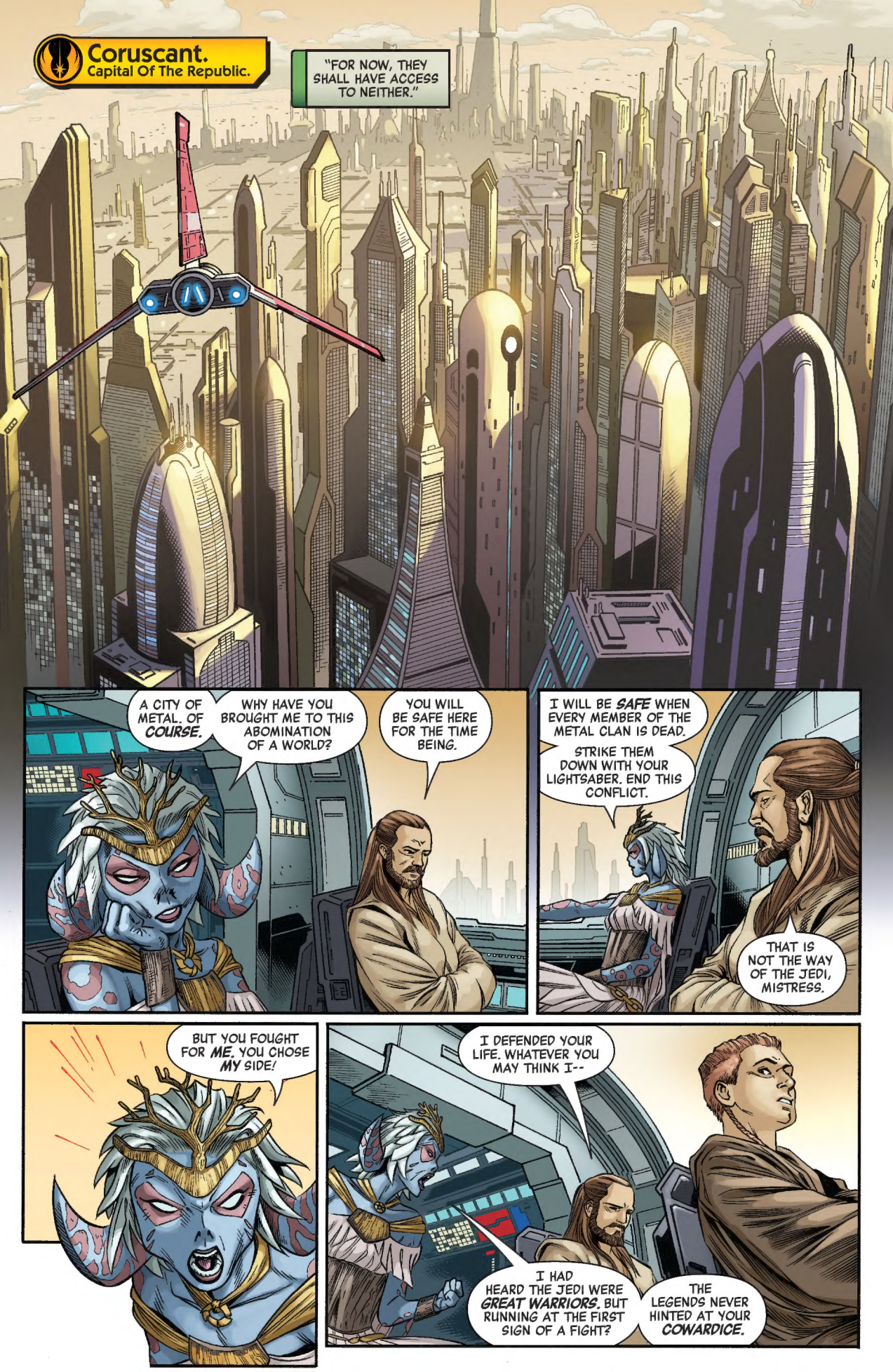
Jedi Master Qui-Gon Jinn has long served the Jedi Council and the Galactic Republic faithfully. But his faith in the Jedi and in the Force is about to be tested. . . .

Bri'n.
PEW
BLAM BLAM
THEY ARE STILL COMING, MASTER JEDI!
YES, MISTRESS TH'ER, I HAD NOTICED.
I SUGGEST THAT WE KEEP MOVING AS WELL.

OBI-WAN! READY THE SHIP!
THE PRIESTESS OF WOOD AND I ARE HEADING YOUR WAY!
AND WE'RE NOT ALONE.
PEW PEW
IT SOUNDS LIKE THE NEGOTIATIONS DIDN'T END WELL?
THERE IS LITTLE MIDDLE GROUND BETWEEN CUTTING DOWN A TREE AND NOT CUTTING DOWN A TREE.
AND MISTRESS TH'ER'S OPPOSITION SEEMS WILLING TO CUT DOWN ANYONE WHO STANDS IN THEIR WAY.
MASTER JEDI...
...WE APPEAR TO BE SURROUNDED.

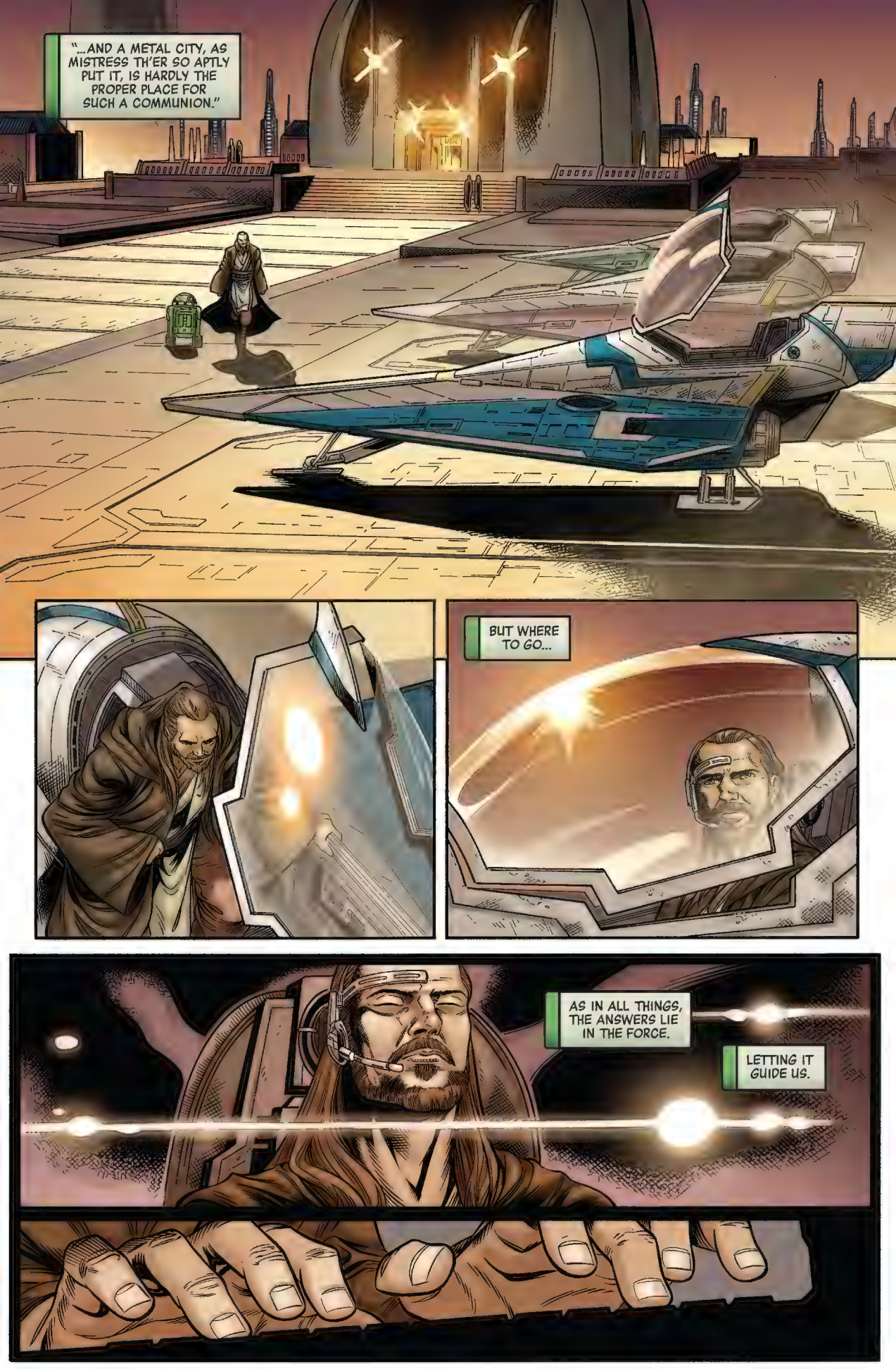
YOUR WORD OR YOUR BLOOD, MISTRESS TH'ER. THE TREES WILL FALL WITH ONE OR THE OTHER.
YOU THINK THAT YOU CAN FACE THE MIGHT OF A JEDI WARRIOR?
YOU AND YOUR BLASPHEMY WILL BE--
WHAT ARE YOU--
I WAS SENT TO FIND A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO YOUR PEOPLE'S PROBLEM, MISTRESS.
AND THIS IS CLEARLY NOT A TIME OR PLACE WHERE COOLER HEADS WILL PREVAIL.
DON'T LET THEM ESCAPE!

HANG ON, MISTRESS.
HOW DARE YOU--!
TAKE US UP!
WHERE ARE WE HEADING, MASTER?
BACK TO CORUSCANT.
I CANNOT ABANDON MY TREES TO THE METAL CLAN!
BY YOUR OWN LAWS, BY THEIR OWN ADMISSION, THEY NEED YOUR WORD OR YOUR BLOOD TO HARM A SINGLE LEAF.


Coruscant.
Capital Of The Republic.
"FOR NOW, THEY SHALL HAVE ACCESS TO NEITHER."
A CITY OF METAL. OF COURSE.
WHY HAVE YOU BROUGHT ME TO THIS ABOMINATION OF A WORLD?
YOU WILL BE SAFE HERE FOR THE TIME BEING.
I WILL BE SAFE WHEN EVERY MEMBER OF THE METAL CLAN IS DEAD.
STRIKE THEM DOWN WITH YOUR LIGHTSABER. END THIS CONFLICT.
THAT IS NOT THE WAY OF THE JEDI, MISTRESS.
BUT YOU FOUGHT FOR ME. YOU CHOSE MY SIDE!
I DEFENDED YOUR LIFE. WHATEVER YOU MAY THINK I--
I HAD HEARD THE JEDI WERE GREAT WARRIORS. BUT RUNNING AT THE FIRST SIGN OF A FIGHT?
THE LEGENDS NEVER HINTED AT YOUR COWARDICE.

The Jedi Temple.
MASTER QUI-GON.
YOUR REPORT, THE COUNCIL REQUESTS.
MASTER YODA. SURELY YOU DID NOT TRACK ME DOWN FOR A MERE REPORT.
ESPECIALLY WHEN MY PADAWAN HAS BEEN SO DILIGENT IN FILING HIS OWN.
NO.
GREAT TURMOIL, I SENSE IN YOU. AND NEW IT IS NOT.
IF I AM TO BE HONEST, THIS MISSION, THE WORDS OF THE PRIESTESS OF WOOD...
...THERE ARE CONCERNS THAT I HAVE HAD FOR SOME TIME NOW.
A COWARD YOU ARE NOT, QUI-GON JINN. HER PLANET, YOU *HAD* TO LEAVE.
BEING CALLED A COWARD ISN'T WHAT BOTHERED ME, MASTER YODA.
IT WAS BEING CALLED A GREAT WARRIOR.

EVEN HERE ON CORUSCANT, THE HOME OF THE JEDI COUNCIL, THERE IS LITTLE UNDERSTANDING OF OUR PURPOSE.
WE ARE SEEN AS SOLDIERS. SERVANTS OF POLITICIANS. WITH LITTLE MENTION OF THE FORCE ITSELF.
MYSTERIOUS, THE FORCE REMAINS TO MANY. AND MISUNDERSTOOD, THOSE WHO USE THE FORCE OFTEN ARE.
AND YET, OUR ACTIONS ARE A REFLECTION OF OUR PURPOSE.
PERHAPS THE JEDI COUNCIL RESIDING HERE IN THE CAPITAL IS PART OF THE PROBLEM.
WE ARE USED AS A WEAPON OF THE REPUBLIC. AND THUS WE ARE SEEN AS SUCH. PERHAPS EVEN BY OURSELVES.
ON THIS POINT, THE COUNCIL WOULD NOT AGREE.
OF COURSE. BUT BE IT THE COUNCIL OR MYSELF, I FEEL THERE IS A LOSS OF VISION.
WHEN QUESTIONS WE HAVE, A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING FROM THE FORCE WE MUST SEEK.
ON THAT WE AGREE, MASTER YODA...


"...AND A METAL CITY, AS MISTRESS TH'ER SO APTLY PUT IT, IS HARDLY THE PROPER PLACE FOR SUCH A COMMUNION."
BUT WHERE TO GO...
AS IN ALL THINGS, THE ANSWERS LIE IN THE FORCE.
LETTING IT GUIDE US.

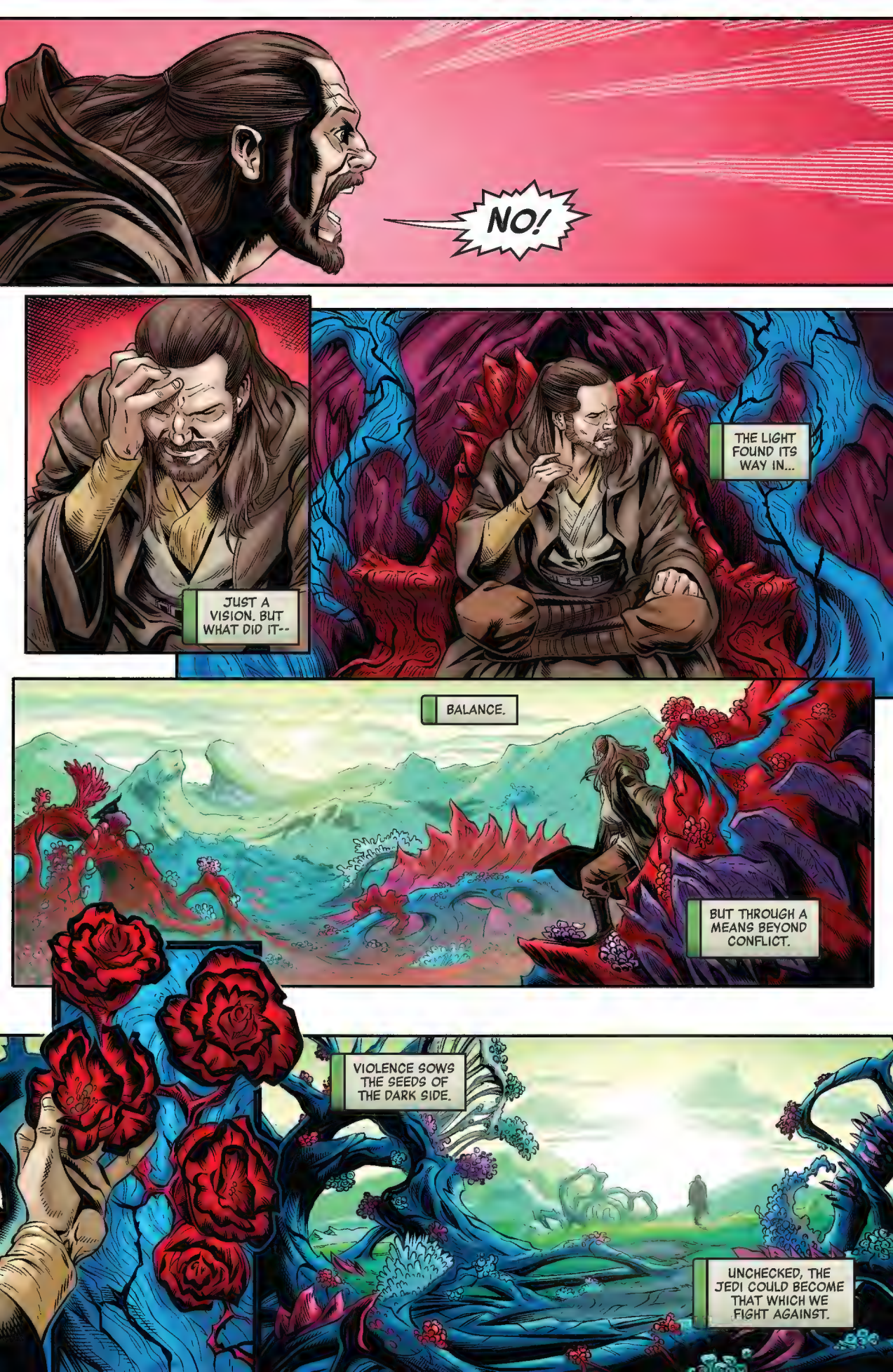
I JUST HAVE TO TRUST THE WILL OF THE FORCE ISN'T TO DEPOSIT ME INTO THE HEART OF A STAR...
...AND THAT IT IS TO FIND THE ANSWERS THAT I SEEK.
FOR MISTRESS TH'ER AS WELL AS MYSELF.

BWEEEERP
BEEEP
BEEP
YES. CHARTED LONG AGO, BUT NOT CONSIDERED IMPORTANT ENOUGH TO HAVE A DESIGNATION.
NO EVIDENCE OF TECHNOLOGY BUT AN ABUNDANCE OF LIFE.
LET'S SEE WHY THE FORCE BROUGHT ME HERE...

A BEAUTIFUL PLACE...
...BUT THERE MUST BE MORE TO IT THAN SIMPLY--
WAIT.
I SENSE... SOMETHING...

SOMETHING FEELS WRONG. COLD.
THERE IS A CORRUPTION HERE. A DARKNESS.
AND IT'S SPREADING.
WAS I BROUGHT HERE TO STOP IT?
OR TO LEARN FROM IT?

THE FORCE... IT IS STRONG HERE.
THE DARK SIDE.
TEMPTATION? OR A LESSON?
I SEEK ANSWERS FROM THE LIVING FORCE.
PERHAPS EVEN IN THIS DARK MONUMENT...
...I AM MEANT TO FIND LIGHT.


NO!
JUST A VISION. BUT WHAT DID IT--
THE LIGHT FOUND ITS WAY IN...
BALANCE.
BUT THROUGH A MEANS BEYOND CONFLICT.
VIOLENCE SOWS THE SEEDS OF THE DARK SIDE.
UNCHECKED, THE JEDI COULD BECOME THAT WHICH WE FIGHT AGAINST.

MISTRESS.
MASTER JEDI.
I AM ATTEMPTING TO ENJOY WHAT LITTLE NATURE THIS PLANET OFFERS.
THERE ARE FAR MORE USEFUL PLACES FOR YOU TO VISIT DURING YOUR STAY.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
THE METAL CLAN HAS RECRUITED POWERFUL OFFWORLD ALLIES TO THEIR CAUSE.
YOU MUST DO THE SAME IF YOUR TREES ARE TO SURVIVE.
MORE OUTSIDERS TO STRIP OUR WORLD OF EVERYTHING WE VALUE, YOU MEAN.
ENRICHING YOUR PEOPLE DOESN'T HAVE TO MEAN DESTROYING YOUR WAY OF LIFE. NOT IF YOU CAN FIND BALANCE. COMPROMISE.
THERE ARE PEOPLE FROM A THOUSAND WORLDS ON CORUSCANT. WORLDS THAT HAVE FACED SIMILAR STRUGGLES.
YOU MAY SEE IT AS A CITY OF METAL, BUT THERE IS WISDOM TO BE FOUND HERE. AND ALLIES.
VERY WELL. I WILL GIVE YOUR SUPPOSED ALLIES A CHANCE TO ARGUE THEIR CASE.
BUT FOR THE SAKE OF MY TREES, I HOPE YOU ARE RIGHT.

ANSWERS, DID YOU FIND?
I DID. AND AS OFTEN IS WITH THE FORCE, MORE QUESTIONS.
MMMM. GOOD, QUESTIONS ARE. ASK THEM WE MUST.
CERTAINTY IN OUR UNDERSTANDING, TO ARROGANCE IT LEADS. TO THE DARK SIDE.
AND YET, BECOMING TOO RIGID IS ALSO A RISK. THE TREE THAT WON'T BEND WILL SNAP WITH THE WIND.
EVER PRESENT, THE DARK SIDE IS. AND A THREAT, ALWAYS.
BEND TO IT, WE MUST NOT.
OF COURSE NOT, MASTER YODA.
THE DARK SIDE CONSUMES. AND THERE IS NO BALANCE TO BE FOUND IN SUCH A PATH.
AND WHAT IS OUR PURPOSE IF NOT BALANCE?
END.

LEGACY OF A JEDI

He may be long gone, but Qui-Gon Jinn's impact on the galaxy can still be felt.

By Glenn Greenberg

As far as Luke Skywalker ever knew, Obi-Wan Kenobi had only one mentor: Yoda. But in 1999, *The Phantom Menace* revealed there was an additional Jedi who groomed Obi-Wan to full knighthood—a man named Qui-Gon Jinn. Much about Qui-Gon remains unknown, but we do know this: He played a pivotal role in the reshaping of the galaxy near the end of the Old Republic. Indeed, he was probably one of the most consequential Jedi of all time, with repercussions of his life still being felt decades after his death.

From Qui-Gon, Obi-Wan gained the skills and the wisdom that would serve him so well as a Jedi and as a military leader during the Clone Wars. But there was a sharp contrast between them. While Obi-Wan usually fell in line with the Jedi Council, Qui-Gon did not hesitate to go his own way when he felt the situation warranted it. *Star Wars* creator George Lucas described Qui-Gon as "very independent, always testing the rules," and that he had become known for his "refusal to go along with the program."

Actor Liam Neeson, who played Qui-Gon, saw the character as "wise and quite philosophical, yet very skilled in martial arts. He has incredible confidence, as well as a magical quality that enables him to see into the future. He's not really a rebel, but he has his own code."

In *The Phantom Menace*, we saw what was likely the most significant disagreement between Qui-Gon and his Jedi colleagues: the one involving a boy named Anakin Skywalker.

A Jedi's Faith

Qui-Gon, of course, brought Anakin—who, as an adult, would father Luke and Leia—before the Jedi Council, convinced that the boy was the "chosen one" prophesied to destroy the Sith and bring balance to the Force. When the Council rejected Skywalker—with even Obi-Wan warning that the boy was a danger—Qui-Gon defied them all, intending to be the positive influence that Anakin needed. With Qui-Gon's death at the hands of the Sith Lord Darth Maul, his influence on Anakin's life should have ended forever. But with his dying breath, Qui-Gon compelled Obi-Wan to vow that he would train Anakin and ensure that the boy became a Jedi.

Even Qui-Gon's powers had their limits, however. He could glimpse the future, but he could not see that Anakin would ultimately turn on the Jedi and help Emperor Palpatine exterminate most of them in his new identity of Darth Vader.

But it can be argued that Anakin was indeed the chosen one. By ultimately killing the Emperor decades later—an act that resulted in his own death—Anakin fulfilled the prophecy. That's certainly the way George Lucas sees it. "Anakin is the chosen one," Lucas declared in an interview included on the *Revenge of the Sith* DVD. "Even when Anakin turns into Darth Vader, he is still the chosen one."

A Voice From Beyond

Just as importantly, it was Qui-Gon who, after his death, discovered how to communicate with his Jedi brethren from the netherworld of the Force. He taught this ability to Yoda, and Obi-Wan learned it, as well—with major long-term repercussions. The galaxy would be a very different place indeed had Obi-Wan's spirit not guided Luke Skywalker through the Battle of Yavin, or sent him to Yoda on the planet Dagobah.

Since Yoda, as shown in *The Last Jedi*, can still appear at will and offer a last bit of counsel to an older Luke—and even affect the physical world—decades after his own passing, it's clear that Qui-Gon trained the little green being exceptionally well. It seems safe to say that Qui-Gon Jinn's legacy truly does live on, in a big way.

NOTE: Except where noted, all George Lucas and Liam Neeson quotes are taken from *Star Wars: The Making of Episode I—The Phantom Menace*, by Laurent Bouzereau and Jody Duncan, Del Rey, 1999.

"ASH"

Sith Apprentice Darth Maul has long waited in the shadows under the tutelage of Darth Sidious for the day when they would bring about the destruction of the Jedi Order. But Maul's lust for battle drives him to act. And with the dark side of the Force as his weapon, the Jedi's days are numbered. . . .

Coruscant, Lower Levels.
I TOLD THEM I DIDN'T NEED THE BACKUP.
THE KAITIS CARTEL RECEIVED WORD THAT SECURITY FOR THE SCARN TRANSFER WAS INCREASED.
THEY PREFER TO ENSURE THEY ACTUALLY ACQUIRE THEIR PRE-SPICE.
CLIENT'S CHOICE. BUT YOU'RE NOT MY RESPONSIBILITY. INTERCEPTING THE SCARN IS.
YOU BETTER BE ABLE TO HOLD YOUR OWN IN A FIGHT.
THAT WON'T BE A PROBLEM.
I'VE HEARD TALES OF THIS ZEK PEIRO.
A THIEF FOR HIRE. MANY SAY THE BEST ON CORUSCANT.

MY MASTER HAS HIS ALLIANCES STRETCHING THROUGH THE UPPER LEVELS OF CORUSCANT.
I'VE STARTED BUILDING MY OWN DOWN BELOW.
OPERATING RIGHT UNDER THE NOSE OF THE JEDI, USING THE NAME OF ONE OF THEIR OWN. THE PADAWAN I SLEW.
A PETTY BLOW. BUT ALL I AM PERMITTED TO STRIKE AT THE MOMENT.
FAST AND QUIET.
BUT THEN I HEARD THE STORIES OF THIS THIEF, ZEK PEIRO. HIS UNMATCHED SKILLS. PERHAPS OVERBLOWN.
OR PERHAPS ONE WITH A CONNECTION TO THE FORCE.
AND SO, HE WAS HIRED BY THE KAITIS CARTEL. BY ME.

I MAY NOT BE PERMITTED TO HUNT THE JEDI. YET.
BUT WHAT I'M BUILDING DOWN HERE HAS HELPED ME LOCATE OTHER QUARRY.
HOLD, MY MASKED FRIEND.
THE BUYERS WILL BE HERE SHORTLY.
AND WHEN THEY ARRIVE, THEIR NUMBERS WILL BE GREATER.
WHICH IS WHY YOU ARE HERE, YES?
BESIDES, WE WOULDN'T GET CLEAR BEFORE THE BUYERS ARRIVE.
DOES HE KNOW THAT FROM EXPERIENCE? OR IS IT SOMETHING...MORE?

"SEE? JUST LIKE I SAID."
ENOUGH WAITING. TIME TO TEACH THEM WHAT THEY REALLY ARE.
PREY.
THIS IS WHY I HATE WORKING WITH AMATEURS...

THE FORCE...I CAN SENSE IT MOVING AROUND HIM.
HIS GRASP OF IT IS CLUMSY.
HE LACKS TRAINING.
BUT I CAN SENSE IT.
HIS POTENTIAL.

IF YOU'D HELD OFF UNTIL THEY MADE THE EXCHANGE, WE'D KNOW WHERE THE SCARN ACTUALLY IS.
MY APOLOGIES. SURELY WE CAN LOCATE IT.
ONE FINAL TEST...
NOT HERE. WHERE WOULD THEY...
AND THERE IT IS AGAIN. JUST A TOUCH OF THE FORCE.
GUIDING HIS HAND.
LOOKS LIKE LUCK WAS ON OUR SIDE AFTER ALL.

PERHAPS HE COULD HAVE BEEN ONE OF THEM. A JEDI.
YET ONE MORE OF A CORRUPT NUMBER, ISSUING JUDGMENT FROM ON HIGH.
THIS YOUR FIRST JOB FOR THE KAITIS CARTEL?
YES.
INSTEAD, HE ROTS AMONG THE GARBAGE OF THEIR CAPITAL JUST BELOW THEIR FEET.
DON'T KNOW HOW THEY FOUND YOU, BUT THEY SPENT THEIR CREDITS WISELY.
YOU FIGHT WELL. IF A BIT EARLY.
YET ANOTHER FAILURE OF THE JEDI.
THE INROADS THEY'VE MADE ON THE LOWER LEVELS IN SUCH A SHORT TIME...IT'S IMPRESSIVE.
AND NOW THEY'RE MAKING A MOVE ON THE SPICE MARKET.
THEY PLAY THEIR HAND RIGHT, THEY'LL BE A REAL POWER HERE IN A COUPLE YEARS.
IF THEY ACTUALLY GET HERE FOR PICKUP.
HE'LL NEVER KNOW WHAT HE COULD HAVE BEEN.
AND I'D HEARD THEIR TIMING WAS--

EVEN HERE ON THE LOWER LEVELS, THE WOUNDS CAUSED BY A LIGHTSABER WOULD DRAW ATTENTION.
WHA--
SHHKK
=URK!=
I HARDLY NEED ONE FOR THIS PREY.
ALL TOO EASY.
AND JUST AS I SUSPECTED..

...THIS DEATH SATISFIES NOTHING.
THE RAGE, THE HUNGER FOR BLOOD-- IT'S AS LOUD AS EVER.
LORD MAUL. YOUR FOOLISH ANTICS RISK DRAWING THE ATTENTION OF THE JEDI.
I WAS CAREFUL, MY LORD SIDIOUS.
THERE IS NO TRACE THAT COULD LEAD THE JEDI TO US.
NOTHING THAT WILL POINT THEM TO THE RETURN OF THE SITH.
AND HAS THIS HUNT EASED YOUR BLOODLUST?
SLAUGHTERING THE JEDI'S SCRAPS?
RISKING ALL THAT YOU HAVE BUILT? THE PLANS I ALREADY HAVE IN MOTION?
...NO, MASTER.
THERE WILL BE NO SATISFACTION UNTIL THE JEDI ORDER LIES IN ASHES.
AND WE WILL BE THE FIRE THAT BURNS THEM DOWN.

YOUR HATE HAS MADE YOU STRONG.
NOW YOU MUST LEARN TO TEMPER IT WITH PATIENCE.
AS YOU KEEP SAYING, MY MASTER.
BUT HOW LONG MUST WE CONTINUE TO WATCH THEIR PLAGUE SPREAD ACROSS THE GALAXY?
I'VE ALREADY PROVEN MYSELF IN BATTLE.
THE LIFE OF THE PADAWAN I CLAIMED... IT WAS EXQUISITE. IT WAS RIGHT.
AND MERELY THE START.
YOU HAVE LEARNED MUCH, MY APPRENTICE.
BUT IF YOU THINK THAT YOUR TRAINING IS COMPLETE, YOU ARE AS MUCH A FOOL AS THE THIEF YOU KILLED.

Malachor.
"MY MASTER, WHY HAVE WE RETURNED HERE?"
AS I TOLD YOU, THERE IS STILL MUCH FOR YOU TO LEARN.
IT WAS HERE THAT I FIRST SAW THE SINS OF THE JEDI.
THEIR SLAUGHTER OF THE SITH LONG AGO.
THE DESTRUCTION THEY WILL BRING UPON THEMSELVES

AND THE ASHES OF OUR FALLEN BRETHREN HOLD MORE THAN ONE LESSON.
BREATHE DEEP, MY APPRENTICE.
LET US SEE WHAT THE DARK SIDE HAS TO SHOW YOU.

YOU HAVE TO HELP US!
MASTER JEDI, WE NEED YOUR HELP!
NO. NO!
THIS CANNOT BE WHAT I WAS MEANT TO SEE!

PLEASE! MY FAMILY...
I AM NO JEDI. NO PROTECTOR OF THE WEAK.
BUT I AM A HUNTER.
AND I STILL HUNGER FOR FRESH PREY.
VHM

BRRAAAAAHH!

WE CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH, MASTER JEDI.
IF YOU HADN'T BEEN PASSING BY...
THE JEDI ARE ALWAYS RIGHT WHERE THEY NEED TO BE.
THAT IS WHY THEY ARE THE GREATEST WARRIORS!
I SHOULDN'T BE HERE.
WELL, PERHAPS YOUR GREAT WARRIOR FRIEND WOULD DO US THE HONOR OF STAYING THE NIGHT.
THIS IS NOT WHO I AM.
UNLESS, OF COURSE, HE NEEDS TO MOVE ON...
I AM NO JEDI.
VHM
I AM THEIR DESTRUCTION!

NO...
BUT... BUT WHY?
BECAUSE THIS IS WHAT THE JEDI ARE.
A LIE TOLD TO A DESPERATE GALAXY.
NO!

A LIE I WILL END.

CLAP CLAP CLAP
GOOD. VERY GOOD.
TELL ME, MY APPRENTICE...
...WHAT DID YOU SEE?
MANY THINGS, MY MASTER.
SSK
MORE IMPORTANTLY...
...WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNED?
RAGE...IT FUELS US. BUT IT WON'T BE ENOUGH TO STOP THE JEDI ALONE.
THEY HAVE NUMBERS ON THEIR SIDE. AND THE FAITH OF THE REPUBLIC.
FOR THE MOMENT.
IN TIME, AND WITH CAREFUL PLANNING, THEY WILL LOSE BOTH.

YOU TAUGHT ME THAT MY EMOTIONS MAKE ME STRONG.
AND THEY DO. PATIENCE MAY RUN CONTRARY TO THE PASSIONS OF A SITH.
BUT IF WE ACT WITHOUT THINKING, WITHOUT A PLAN, WE WILL NEVER RISE.
YOU FARED WELL AGAINST THE PADAWAN YOU SLEW. YOUR COMBAT SKILLS HAVE GROWN MOST IMPRESSIVE.
BUT THEY ARE ONLY ONE FACET OF WHAT WE WILL NEED TO BRING DOWN THE JEDI ORDER.
REMEMBER THAT YOUR ANGER IS A TOOL.
IT IS NOT YOUR MASTER.
NO.
YOU ARE.
END.

YOU CAN'T KEEP A GOOD SITH DOWN

Darth Maul was killed—and then got a new lease on life.

By Glenn Greenberg

He had appeared in only one *Star Wars* movie—1999's *The Phantom Menace*, in which he uttered only a few sentences. All we knew about him was that he had a striking look, amazing fighting abilities, a hatred for the Jedi and a cool double-bladed lightsaber. Then he met his end at the hands of Jedi Knight Obi-Wan Kenobi, with his bisected body plummeting down a reactor shaft. But Darth Maul, the Sith who served Darth Sidious and slew Qui-Gon Jinn during a spectacular duel, returned to forge a whole new path.

As many *Star Wars* fans know, Maul's surprising return happened in the *Star Wars: The Clone Wars* animated series. It was revealed that he drew upon his anger and hatred, using the dark side of the Force to keep himself alive despite losing his lower half. Determined to survive, Maul constructed mechanical legs to replace the real ones he had lost.

The Clone Wars also filled in Maul's backstory, revealing his early life as a native of the planet Dathomir and that he had a brother, Savage Opress. Indeed, it was Savage Opress who found the still-alive Maul, his body and mind both shattered, and brought him home. There, Maul was restored by dark magicks. Eventually, he returned to action, with his brother as his apprentice. But instead of continuing as a Sith, Maul embarked on a journey into the galaxy's underworld, where he ultimately became a crime lord. Along the way, he found himself earning—and surviving—the wrath of his former master, Darth Sidious, aka Emperor Palpatine.

Life Force

The idea for Maul's resurrection stemmed from creator George Lucas himself, who suggested the idea to *The Clone Wars* supervising director Dave Filoni.

"I found it funny in *The Phantom Menace* when Darth Maul got cut in half," Filoni told *Entertainment Weekly* in 2011, when Maul's return was announced. "I thought George was definitively saying to the fans, 'There's no way this character is coming back.' ... Fast-forward ten years, and *I'm* the one to bring Maul back."

At *Star Wars* Celebration Orlando 2017, Filoni explained that Lucas had originally approached him by saying, "I've got an idea and you're going to love it." But when Lucas suggested bringing Maul back, Filoni's response was, "It's over. He's cut in half. How does that work?" According to Filoni, Lucas replied, "I don't know. Figure it out."

Filoni has theorized that Lucas made the suggestion, in part, because he had come to feel that Maul was underused in *The Phantom Menace* and that the character still had potential. Did he *ever*! Maul appeared in multiple episodes of both *The Clone Wars* and its successor series, *Star Wars Rebels*, in which he and Obi-Wan Kenobi crossed lightsabers once again in the episode "Twin Suns."

Comeback Kid

If there were any lingering doubts that Maul really survived being sliced in two, they were put to rest in May 2018, when the film *Solo: A Star Wars Story* shocked and delighted audiences by putting the erstwhile Sith Lord back on the big screen after nineteen years. Tying directly into the events of *The Clone Wars*, *Solo* confirmed that Maul was still very much alive and was now running the criminal organization Crimson Dawn.

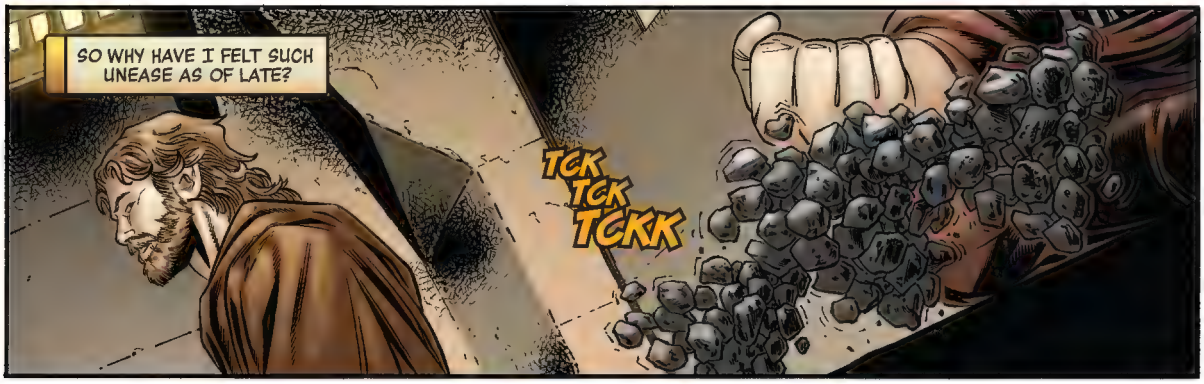
Not bad at all for a guy who started out with roughly ten minutes of screen time, barely any dialogue, and one of the most memorable death scenes in the entire *Star Wars* saga.

"MISSION"

Jedi Knight Obi-Wan Kenobi made a promise to his dying master to train Anakin Skywalker, thought to be the Chosen One of legend long prophesized to bring balance between the light and dark sides of the Force. But both Obi-Wan and Anakin are still adjusting to their roles as teacher and student. . . .

Jedi Temple, Coruscant.
Years Ago.
"MEDITATION IS ABOUT MORE THAN JUST FORGING A DEEPER CONNECTION TO THE FORCE..."
...IT IS ABOUT GAINING A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF OURSELVES.
IT IS A MEANS OF OBTAINING GREATER CONTROL OVER OUR THOUGHTS. OUR EMOTIONS.

"PEACE. SERENITY. HARMONY. WE MUST MASTER OURSELVES BEFORE WE CAN HOPE TO MASTER THE FORCE."
Now.
HOW IS THIS, MASTER?
VERY GOOD, ANAKIN.
NOW, SEE IF YOU CAN HOLD IT IN PLACE FOR THE REST OF THE SESSION.
ANAKIN CONTINUES TO EXCEL AT HIS TRAINING.
HE IS A PADAWAN THAT WOULD MAKE ANY MASTER PROUD.
WHEN HE ACTUALLY LISTENS, AT LEAST.


SO WHY HAVE I FELT SUCH UNEASE AS OF LATE?
TCK TCK TCKK

VERY GOOD, OBI-WAN.
THANK YOU, MASTER.
IT'S TRUE I NEVER EXPECTED TO TAKE ON A PADAWAN OF MY OWN SO SOON.

AND I THOUGHT THAT WHEN I DID, I WOULD HAVE MY OWN MASTER, QUI-GON JINN, TO TURN TO FOR ADVICE.

IF CIRCUMSTANCES WERE DIFFERENT...

MASTER KENOBI?

HELLO, MASTER TOSAN. HOW CAN I HELP YOU?
THE JEDI COUNCIL HAS ANOTHER MISSION FOR YOU.
AN ARCHAEOLOGY TEAM BELIEVES THEY'VE DISCOVERED AN ANCIENT JEDI HOLOCRON?
YES, ON THE PLANET DALLENOR, IN THE MID RIM.
TINK TINK TINK
IT'S NOT A REPUBLIC WORLD, BUT THE ARCHAEOLOGY TEAM COMPRISES REPUBLIC CITIZENS--
YOU'RE LEAVING AGAIN?
I SHOULDN'T BE GONE FOR LONG. AND YOU CAN CONTINUE YOUR TRAINING WITH MASTER YODA.
WITH THE LITTLE KIDS.
I'M ALREADY SO FAR AHEAD OF THEM.
PERHAPS.
BUT IT'S NOT UP TO THE STUDENT TO DETERMINE THE TRAINING.
I SAY THAT...

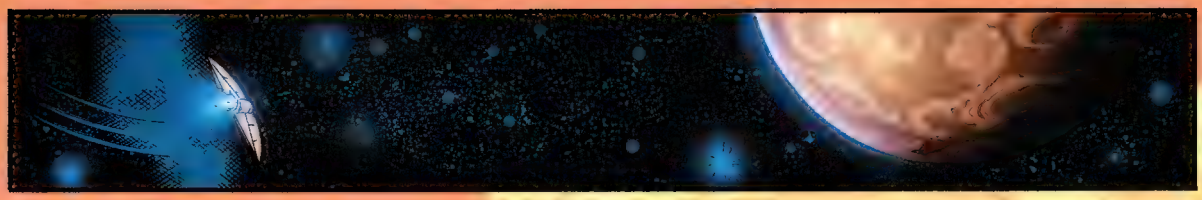
The Jedi Temple Library.
...AND YET, I STILL FEEL LIKE I'M DISAPPOINTING HIM AS HIS MASTER.
ALWAYS MORE TO LEARN, THERE IS.
HELLO, MASTER YODA.
I WAS JUST SEARCHING THE JEDI ARCHIVES FOR INFORMATION ON DALLENOR.
I'VE FOUND MENTION OF THE PLANET, BUT THERE ARE NO RECORDS OF ANY JEDI WHO WENT THERE.
LOST TO TIME, THEIR NAMES ARE.
UNLESS WE CAN RETRIEVE THIS HOLOCRON. ASSUMING THE ARCHAEOLOGISTS ARE CORRECT.
MMM. NAMES AND KNOWLEDGE, WE SHALL GAIN.
TAKE YOUNG SKYWALKER ON THIS QUEST, WILL YOU?
I HADN'T PLANNED ON IT, NO.
I'M NOT SURE HE'S READY.

"UNSURE, YOU ARE. READY OR NOT READY.
"AND SO, BEHIND HE REMAINS. BEHIND THE OTHER PADAWANS."
HE UNDERSTANDS THAT HE CAME TO US FAR LATER THAN ANY OF THE OTHER INITIATES.
THAT HE STILL HAS MUCH TO LEARN ON HIS PATH TO BECOMING A JEDI.
BUT HIS MASTER'S BELIEF IN HIM, HE ALSO NEEDS.
TRUE, THIS IS.
FORGIVE ME FOR MY BLUNTNESS, MASTER YODA. BUT YOUR SUPPORT OF ANAKIN IS SURPRISING.
YOU WERE ONE OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS WHO WAS AGAINST HIM BECOMING A PADAWAN IN THE FIRST PLACE.
VERY DANGEROUS, A POORLY TRAINED JEDI IS. TO OTHERS *AND* TO HIMSELF.
IF TRAIN HIM YOU MUST, YOUNG KENOBI...
...TRAIN HIM *WELL*.

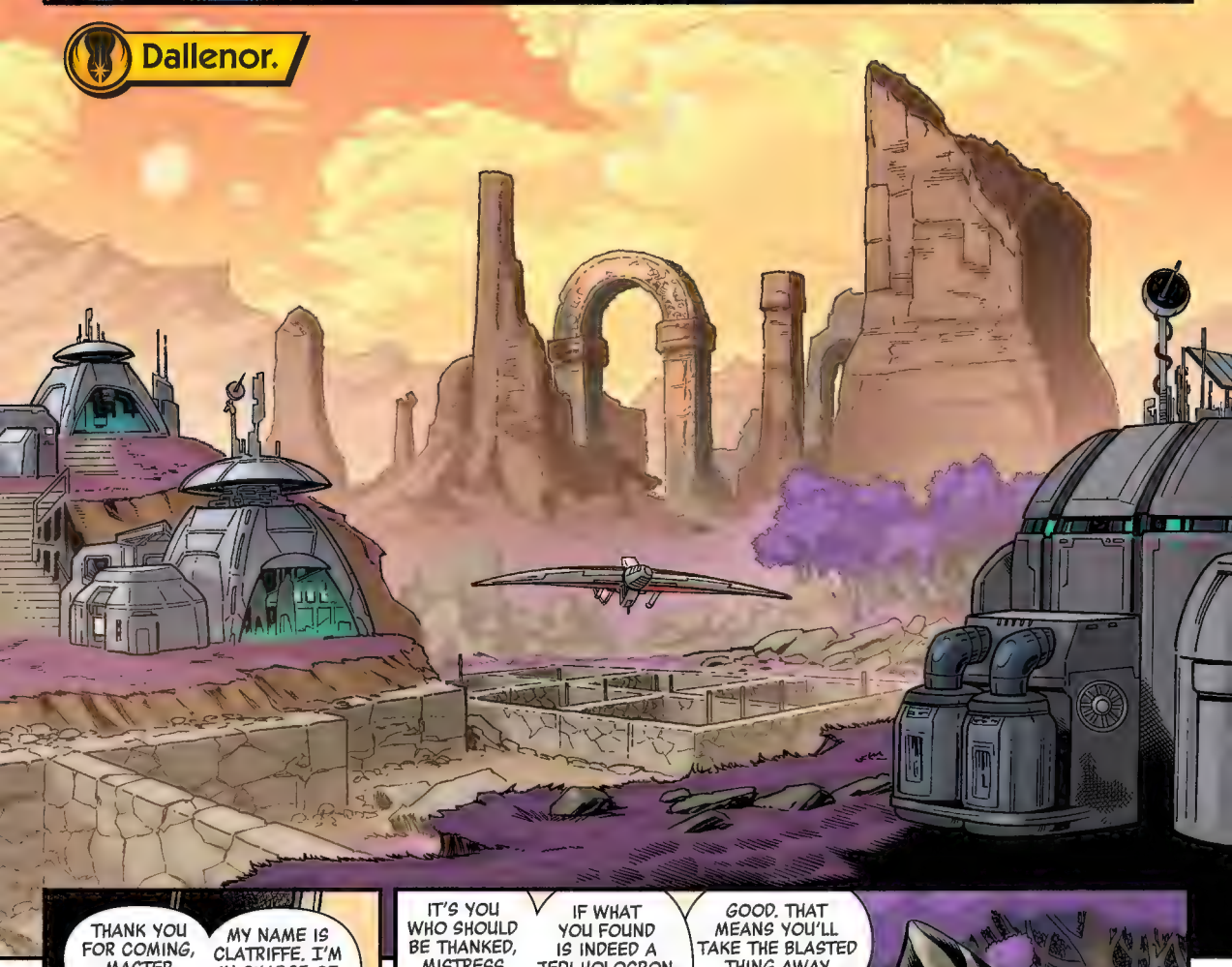
THANK YOU FOR BRINGING ME ALONG, MASTER.
OF COURSE, ANAKIN. MASTER YODA AGREED IT WAS TIME.
AND THERE IS NO JEDI ON THE COUNCIL WISER THAN HE.
IT'S NICE TO SEE SPACE AGAIN.
COULD I DO SOME OF THE FLYING?
PERHAPS WHEN WE'RE CLOSER TO OUR DESTINATION, ANAKIN.
MASTER YODA WAS RIGHT. HE SHOULD NOT STAY SO SHELTERED IN THE TEMPLE.
I CAN'T TREAT ANAKIN LIKE HE'S A NORMAL PADAWAN.
HIS PATH ISN'T THE SAME AS MINE WAS.
BE MINDFUL OF THE FORCE, OBI-WAN. OF THE LIFE ALL AROUND US.

AND I AM NOT THE SAME KIND OF TEACHER THAT QUI-GON WAS.
I'M AFRAID I MUST DISAGREE WITH THE COUNCIL ON THIS MATTER.
"MASTER OBI-WAN?"
WHAT IS IT, ANAKIN?
I WAS JUST WONDERING...
...WHAT WAS YOUR LIFE LIKE BEFORE YOU WENT TO LIVE WITH THE JEDI?
WELL, I CAN'T SAY I REALLY REMEMBER. I WAS VERY YOUNG WHEN I LEFT MY HOMEWORLD.
I WAS IDENTIFIED AS FORCE-SENSITIVE AND TAKEN TO THE JEDI TEMPLE ON CORUSCANT.
SO, YOU WERE ALWAYS A JEDI, THEN.
WELL, NO. I HAD TO GO THROUGH ALL OF THE SAME TRAINING THAT YOU ARE NOW.
REMEMBER, I WAS STILL A PADAWAN WHEN WE MET.
I KNOW. BUT...

...YOU ALWAYS KNEW WHAT YOUR PATH WAS. THAT YOU WERE MEANT TO BE A JEDI.
YOU WERE NEVER A SLAVE OR ANYTHING ELSE LIKE THAT.
MAYBE THAT'S WHY THE COUNCIL SAID I WAS TOO OLD TO START TRAINING.
THE COUNCIL IS RIGHT ABOUT MANY THINGS, BUT THEY AREN'T PERFECT.
QUI-GON JINN CHOSE YOU TO BE HIS STUDENT, AS HE ONCE CHOSE ME.
BUT HE DIED.
SO YOU GOT STUCK WITH ME.
ANAKIN, THAT'S NOT--
THAT WASN'T WHAT I MEANT.

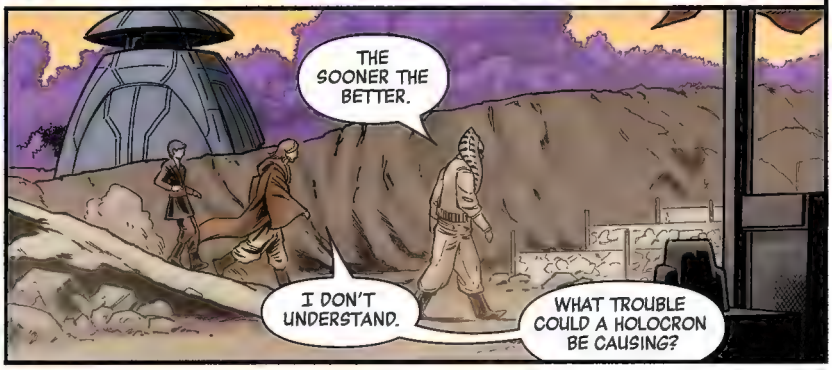


Dallenor.



THANK YOU FOR COMING, MASTER JEDI.
MY NAME IS CLATRIFFE. I'M IN CHARGE OF THE DALLENOR EXCAVATION.

IT'S YOU WHO SHOULD BE THANKED, MISTRESS CLATRIFFE.
IF WHAT YOU FOUND IS INDEED A JEDI HOLOCRON, THE KNOWLEDGE WITHIN IS INVALUABLE TO US.
GOOD. THAT MEANS YOU'LL TAKE THE BLASTED THING AWAY FROM HERE.


THE SOONER THE BETTER.
I DON'T UNDERSTAND.
WHAT TROUBLE COULD A HOLOCRON BE CAUSING?

OH, IT'S NOT ANYTHING IT'S DOING. IT'S THAT IT'S HERE AT ALL.
WE HAD SOME ISSUES WITH LOCAL PIRATES WHEN WE FIRST STARTED THE DIG.
THEY QUICKLY FIGURED OUT THE ARTIFACTS WE WERE UNCOVERING HELD NO VALUE FOR THEM.
BROKEN BITS OF CENTURY-OLD DROIDS ARE OF LITTLE INTEREST TO ANYONE BEYOND ACADEMICS.
BUT THE EXCITEMENT OVER THIS FIND CONVINCED THEM TO GIVE US A SECOND LOOK. HAD TO HIRE SOME LOCAL MUSCLE.
THEN BY ALL MEANS, LET US RELIEVE YOU OF YOUR BURDEN.
ANAKIN...
MISTRESS CLATRIFFE SEEMS QUITE CONCERNED ABOUT THE PIRATES.
WHY DON'T YOU HELP KEEP WATCH WHILE I VERIFY THE ARTIFACT IS INDEED A HOLOCRON?

YES, MASTER.
I FIGURED IT WOULD BE SAFEST HIDDEN IN THE MIDST OF OUR OTHER FINDS.
BEEP
LET'S HOPE WE DIDN'T ALL WASTE OUR TIME HERE...

...AND THAT THIS LITTLE TOY OF YOURS STILL WORKS.
THANK YOU. I KNOW THE COUNCIL WILL BE INTRIGUED TO LEARN WHO THIS HOLOCRON BELONGED--
MASTER OBI-WAN!
THE PIRATES! THEY'RE HERE!
THEY MUST HAVE SEEN US LAND!
I SUGGEST YOU STAY HERE.
WE'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS.

HELLO THERE.
WHAT DID I TELL YOU, MY PETS?
MORE OFFWORLDERS.
AND THEY WOULD ONLY HAVE COME HERE IF THERE WAS SOMETHING OF VALUE FOUND.
I AM OBI-WAN KENOBI, A KNIGHT OF THE JEDI ORDER.
AND I ASSURE YOU, IT IS ONLY HISTORICAL INTEREST THAT HAS BROUGHT ME AND MY APPRENTICE TO YOUR WORLD.
HUDSO SHAKU, LEADER OF THE KRYPDER RIDERS.
WE WILL HAPPILY RETRIEVE *OUR WORLD'S* PROPERTY FROM YOUR *DEAD BODIES.*
OUR INTENTIONS ON YOUR PLANET ARE PURELY PEACEFUL.

BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN WE WON'T DEFEND OURSELVES.
VHMMM
FORGET WHATEVER THEY DUG OUT OF THE GROUND.
THE LASER SWORD...
"...THAT'S WHAT I WANT."
STAY BEHIND ME, ANAKIN.

SHHHHK

GURK!

AGGGH!

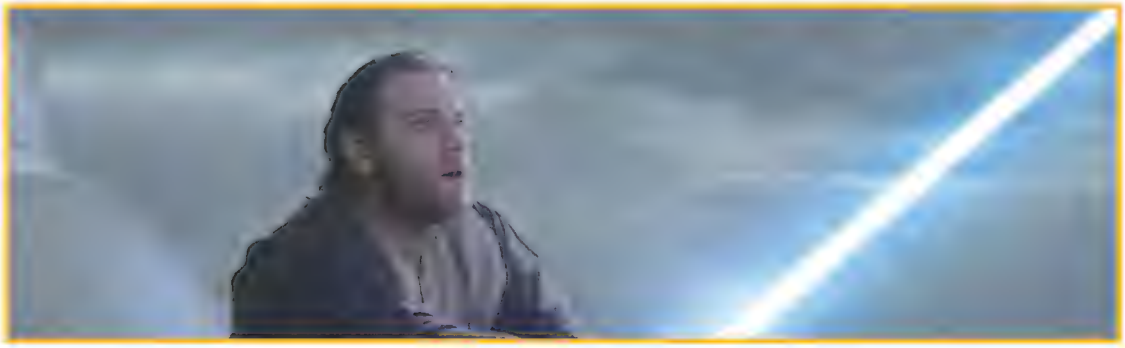
UGH!

DON'T MOVE.

A TRADE, THEN! YOUR SWORD FOR THE CHILD.
YOU DON'T WANT TO DO THIS.
BUT I DO.
I WANT THE WEAPON. I WANT TO KNOW HOW TO--
GAH!
THUNK
WHAT ON DALLENOR...
NOW. YOU CAN GATHER YOUR COMRADES AND LEAVE THIS CAMP IN PEACE...
...OR MY APPRENTICE CAN *CONTINUE* HIS TRAINING.
"I'M SORRY, MASTER."

YOU HANDLED YOURSELF ADMIRABLY, ANAKIN.
YOU HAVE NOTHING TO APOLOGIZE FOR.
I FROZE UP. I LET MYSELF GET CAUGHT.
I THOUGHT I WAS READY TO COME WITH YOU. BUT I WASN'T.
ANAKIN...
...YOU WERE READY. LONG BEFORE TODAY.
I'M THE ONE WHO WASN'T.
WHAT YOU SAID EARLIER, ABOUT ME BEING STUCK WITH YOU AS AN APPRENTICE?
I SUPPOSE I FELT THAT IT WAS YOU WHO WAS STUCK WITH ME AS YOUR TEACHER.
"QUI-GON JINN WAS A GREAT JEDI. HE STILL FELL BEFORE THE SITH.
"AND IF I COULDN'T HELP SAVE A GREAT MASTER, HOW COULD I SAVE A PADAWAN?"

THEN WE'LL SAVE EACH OTHER.
ISN'T THAT WHAT MASTER QUI-GON WOULD HAVE WANTED?
I BELIEVE IT IS.
MASTER YODA SAID WE NEVER STOP LEARNING.
PERHAPS THE MASTER IS MEANT TO BE AS MUCH A STUDENT AS THE PADAWAN.
NOW IF I RECALL, YOU SAID SOMETHING ABOUT WANTING TO *PILOT* THE SHIP?
I MAY NOT BE THE TEACHER THAT QUI-GON WAS. BUT I AM THE ONE THAT ANAKIN HAS.
YES!
AND I WON'T FAIL HIM AGAIN.
I DID MAKE A PROMISE, AFTER ALL.
END.



HELLO THERE!

Obi-Wan Kenobi: Charming, Wise and Powerful

By Bryan Young

"Hello there."

Who could have guessed the first thing we ever heard Obi-Wan Kenobi say on the big screen would become so iconic? Used in both *A New Hope* and *Revenge of the Sith*, this has become one of his most memorable lines.

The gentle warmth of Obi-Wan might be rooted in the performing style of the original actor--Sir Alec Guinness--and his history as a comedic actor for Ealing Studios. His conceptualization of Obi-Wan is very serious but still possesses an undercurrent of barely restrained sarcasm.

"You mean you've never heard of the *Millennium Falcon*?" Han Solo asks earnestly in response to the sage Jedi's less-than-impressed expression.

Kenobi blinks and deadpans, "Should I have?"

But if Guinness brought sarcasm to the part, Ewan McGregor, who took up the role throughout the prequel films, imbued a giddy charm to the character. His delivery of Obi-Wan's memorable line comes at the moment in *Revenge of the Sith* where he single-handedly drops in on General Grievous on Utapau. "Hello there," he says, barely restraining a confident smile against long odds.

As serious as he was, Kenobi could also be funny and fun, so it should come as no surprise that Obi-Wan Kenobi was born on planet Stewjon: a planet named after a famous comedian.

At *Star Wars* Celebration V, held in 2010, Jon Stewart interviewed George Lucas onstage and Stewart asked about Obi-Wan's origins. Lucas replied, "This is one of the first things I wrote in the very first script. He comes from the planet Stewjon."

And it stuck.

Killing Kenobi

George Lucas didn't always know exactly what he was going to do with the character of Obi-Wan Kenobi. In a recording about his early work on the script for *A New Hope*, Lucas revealed, "In that draft, he continued on through the air battle. And he continued on through the script into the other two stories [*The Empire Strikes Back* and *Return of the Jedi*]. And then I looked at it and said, "You know, he just stands around for the last 25 percent of [*A New Hope*] while the air battle is going on. And he really has no other function. It would be much more powerful, satisfying and interesting if Darth Vader were to kill him and he were to go on to a different form."

Lucas said later in that interview that killing Kenobi presented challenges for the rest of his story. Luke still needed to be trained and that's why he ended up needing to create Yoda.

Samurai Roots

It goes to show the fluid nature of filmmaking and how stories are told in a constant push-pull of what's best for the story rather than in absolutes. (Only a Sith deals in absolutes.)

In fact, even before Alec Guinness accepted the part of Obi-Wan Kenobi, it was offered to Japanese acting legend Toshiro Mifune, whose characters in *The Hidden Fortress* and *Yojimbo* were among George Lucas's inspirations when creating Star Wars in the first place. Obi-Wan Kenobi's costume, regardless of who stepped into the part, from Guinness and McGregor to the animated and video game versions voiced by James Arnold Taylor and others, all wore samurai-inspired clothing like Mifune did in his most famous films.

Mifune ultimately turned down the role. Can you imagine how different *Star Wars* would be today if he had said yes? Would the impact have been the same for one of the best moments in *The Force Awakens*, when Rey hears the voice of Obi-Wan, voiced once more by Ewan McGregor. "These are your first steps."

Hearing those whispered words brings a chill to the spines of *Star Wars* fans and leaves us all to hope that we're not through with stories about Obi-Wan Kenobi. But even if he were gone today, he'd still be more powerful than we could possibly imagine.

George Lucas quotes sourced from interviews provided by Starwars.com.

"TRAINING"

Jango Fett is one of the most feared bounty hunters in the galaxy, a cold-blooded and ruthless assassin who always gets the job done no matter what it takes. If Jango's past has been built on violence and destruction...what's left to build his future?

Telerath.
GOTTA LOVE IT WHEN RICH IDIOTS PUT A CREW TOGETHER.
FOUR BOUNTY HUNTERS TO HUNT DOWN ONE LITTLE RUNAWAY? TALK ABOUT OVERKILL.
ONLY WITHOUT THE KILLING.
DON'T COMPLAIN ABOUT EASY MONEY, TIVER.
OH, I'M HAPPY FOR EVERY CREDIT.
JUST FEELS A LITTLE INSULTING IS ALL.
DON'T THINK ANY OF US ARE THE ONES WHO SHOULD FEEL INSULTED.

"NOT SURE WHY *HE'D* EVEN TAKE A JOB LIKE THIS.
"FROM WHAT I HEAR, HE'S GOT HIMSELF A SWEET GIG.
THOOM
"STEADY WORK WITH SOME MYSTERY CLIENT.
"RUMOR IS, THEY HAVE DEEP ENOUGH POCKETS TO BE HIS *ONLY* CLIENT.

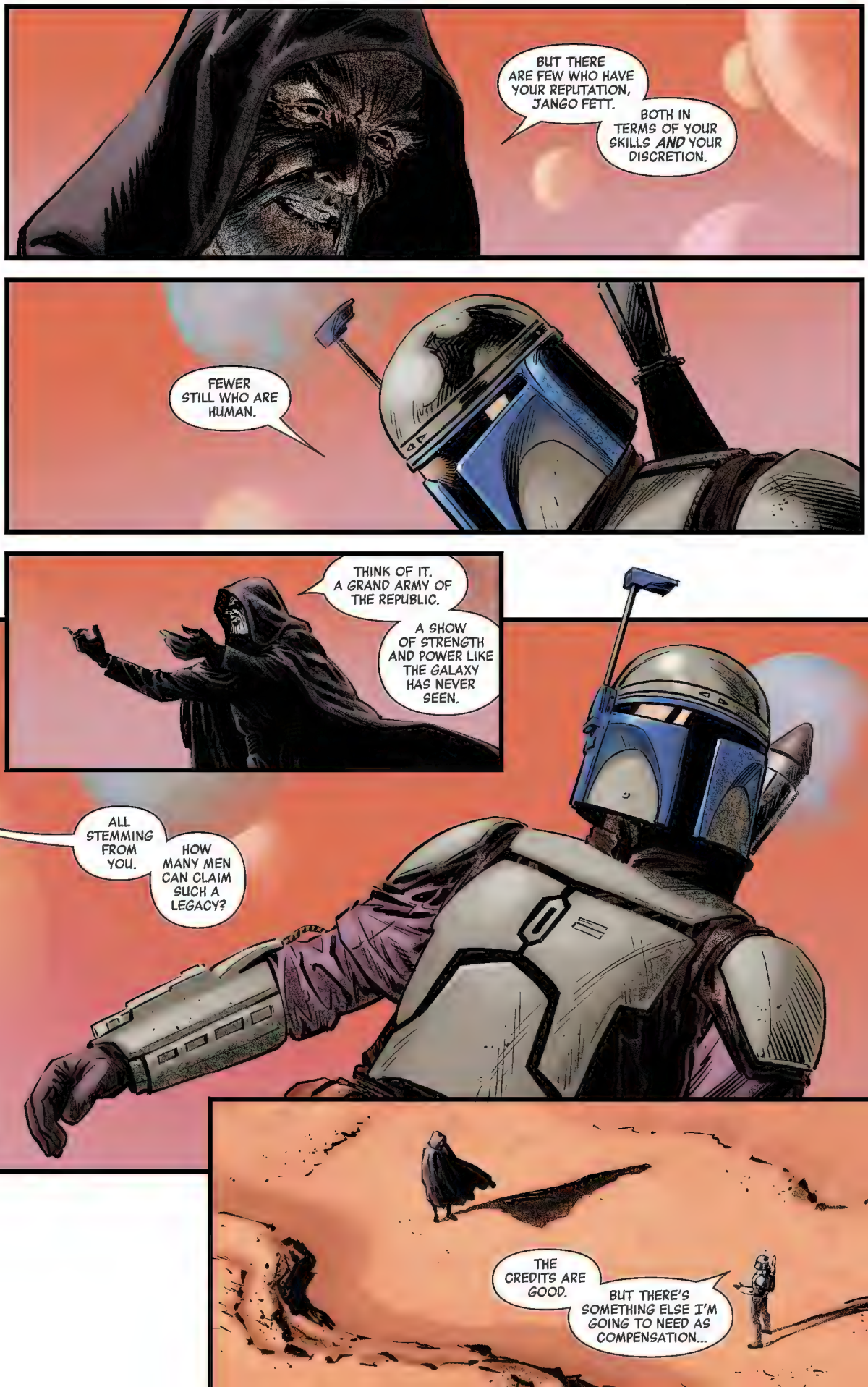
"BUT HE'S STILL TAKING OTHER JOBS.
"GUESS THE ITCH NEVER REALLY GOES AWAY."

ANOTHER ROUND!
YOU'D THINK SOMEONE WITH HIS REP COULD ACTUALLY SHOW UP ON...
...TIME.
JANGO FETT HIMSELF. IT'S A REAL HONOR.
I'M NEELDA.
THIS IS TIVER AND RINN.
WORKED WITH THEM BEFORE. GOOD PEOPLE TO HAVE AT YOUR BACK.

HELLO.
SOMETHING'S FOLLOWING YOU!
THIS IS MY SON, BOBA.
HE'LL BE HELPING US ON THIS JOB. PART OF HIS TRAINING.
I ASSUME NONE OF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THAT.
NOPE.
SOUNDS GOOD TO RINN.
HONORED TO MEET THE NEXT GENERATION.

I DON'T SEE WHY WE'RE DOING A JOB WITH *THIS* CREW.
I HAVEN'T EVEN *HEARD* OF ANY OF THEM.
WHY CAN'T WE WORK WITH CAD BANE? OR AURRA SING? OR ZAM WESELL?
BECAUSE YOU KNOW THEM. OR KNOW *OF* THEM. WHICH MEANS YOU HAVE AT LEAST SOME IDEA OF HOW THEY WORK.
THE UNKNOWN FACTOR... *THAT'S* THE REAL LESSON HERE.
I GUESS...
BUT, DAD, CAN'T YOU JUST TAKE THE JOBS YOU *WANT?*
I CAN NOW. BUT IT TOOK A LONG TIME TO GET HERE.

"WE AREN'T BORN WITH OUR REPUTATIONS. WE HAVE TO EARN THEM."
The Moons Of Bogden.
Some Time Ago.
I'M SURE YOU'LL FIND THE PRICE THE KAMINOANS ARE OFFERING IS MORE THAN FAIR.
FOR ACCESS TO MY GENETIC TEMPLATE.
REGULAR ACCESS. YOU WILL BE EXPECTED TO RESIDE WITH THE CLONERS ON KAMINO.
WHEN YOU AREN'T TAKING BUSINESS ELSEWHERE, SHOULD YOU CHOOSE TO DO SO.
ALTHOUGH IF YOU WISH TO RETIRE FROM YOUR... CURRENT LINE OF WORK, YOUR COMPENSATION SHOULD BE MORE THAN ENOUGH.
ONE QUESTION FOR YOU, TYRANUS.
WHY ME? THERE ARE PLENTY OF BOUNTY HUNTERS OUT THERE.


BUT THERE ARE FEW WHO HAVE YOUR REPUTATION, JANGO FETT.
BOTH IN TERMS OF YOUR SKILLS AND YOUR DISCRETION.
FEWER STILL WHO ARE HUMAN.
THINK OF IT. A GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.
A SHOW OF STRENGTH AND POWER LIKE THE GALAXY HAS NEVER SEEN.
ALL STEMMING FROM YOU.
HOW MANY MEN CAN CLAIM SUCH A LEGACY?
THE CREDITS ARE GOOD.
BUT THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE I'M GOING TO NEED AS COMPENSATION...

Ord Mantell.
REMEMBER, HER FATHER WANTS HER BACK ALIVE AND UNHARMED.
YEAH, YEAH.
DOES SINGED COUNT AS HARMED?
GRIPH!
I WASN'T SURE YOU'D BE HERE...
DIDN'T I PROMISE?
I'VE TALKED TO MY UNCLE FOR US.
HE HAS CONNECTIONS TO THE BLACK SUN CARTEL. HE THINKS THEY'D BE WILLING TO--
SO YOU AREN'T BLACK SUN YET. GOOD TO KNOW.

KEEPS THINGS SIMPLER.
DON'T MOVE!
THE GIRL'S FATHER WANTS HER BACK.
LEAVE NOW, YOU WON'T GET HURT.
GRIPH!
FIRST RULE, KID.
LOVE DOESN'T COUNT FOR MUCH.
I'M NOT GOING BACK!
NOT WORTH IT, LADY.
THOUGHT OUR FRIEND WAS--
WHOA--
...WATCHING THE SKIES.
AAAAAGGH!

TH... THANK Y--
BWOOORP
AMAZING...
SHOW-OFF.
WE DID ALL THE WORK...

HOW DID YOU KNOW SHE WAS GOING TO FALL?
I DIDN'T. BUT IT WAS ALWAYS A POSSIBILITY.
YOU HAVE TO TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS ON THE JOB.
AND YOU LEARN QUICKLY THAT DESPERATE PEOPLE MAKE STUPID DECISIONS.
HERE'S ANOTHER LESSON FOR YOU, KID.
OOF!
ALWAYS WATCH YOUR BACK.

GIVE US THE GIRL ON YOUR SHIP AND YOU CAN HAVE YOUR BOY BACK.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! ARE YOU INSANE?!

YOU WANT A BIGGER SHARE, NEELDA? OR A BLASTER BOLT IN THE SNOUT?
YOUR CHOICE.

OKAY, OKAY. I GOT IT.
YOUR FUNERAL...

COWARD.
HOW ABOUT IT, FETT? ARE YOU GOING TO GIVE US THE GIRL?

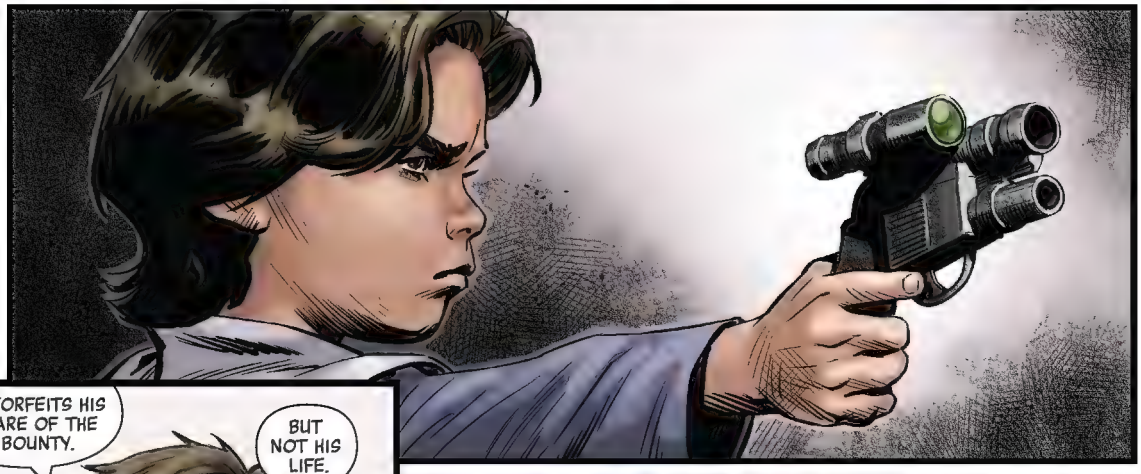
"ARE YOU GOING TO SAVE YOUR SON?"
Kamino.
Before.
I DO BELIEVE THAT THIS ARMY WILL BE OUR FINEST CREATION YET.
NOT A SINGLE CLONE UNIT HAS FALLEN BELOW COMBAT PARAMETERS.
YOU MUST BE VERY PROUD.
WHAT DO I HAVE TO BE PROUD OF?
LIVESTOCK BRED AS CANNON FODDER?
LIKE YOU SAID, THEY'RE *YOUR* CREATIONS.

NO.
SHE ISN'T KIDDING AROUND HERE, FETT.
I'LL GUT HIM LIKE A GHEST!
YOU CAN TRY.
WHAT KIND OF MANIAC BRINGS A KID TO A HUNT AND THEN JUST--
KCHK!
ZZSSST
LESSON FOR YOU.
SEARCH YOUR PRISONERS.

YOU KILLED TIVER! I'LL--
AAHH!
ZZSSST
ZZSSST
MY FATHER SAYS CLEAN KILLS ARE THE BEST.
BUT HE ALSO SAYS REGULAR TARGET PRACTICE KEEPS YOU SHARP.
ZZSSST

THAT... THAT'S SOME KID YOU GOT THERE, JANGO.
REALLY TAKES AFTER YOU, HUH?
WHAT DO YOU THINK, BOBA?
HE DIDN'T SEEM TO BE IN ON THEIR COUP ATTEMPT.
BUT HE DIDN'T DO MUCH TO STOP IT EITHER.
NOW...NOW WAIT JUST A MINUTE...

IT'S YOUR DECISION, SON.

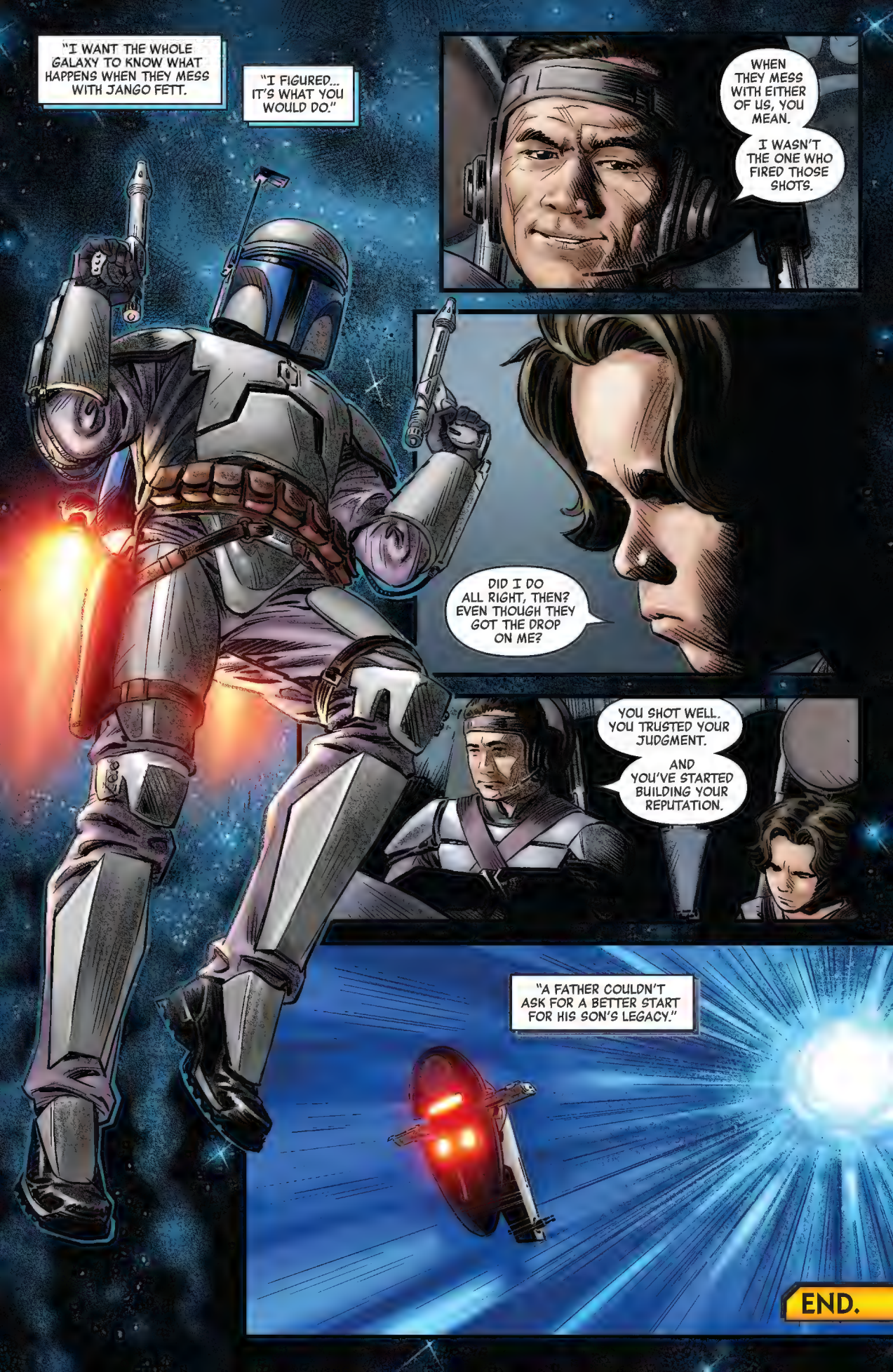


HE FORFEITS HIS SHARE OF THE BOUNTY.
BUT NOT HIS LIFE.

THAT'S...
...FAIR. VERY FAIR.

SHE WASN'T WRONG. WATCH YOUR BACK NEXT TIME.
YES, FATHER.

I WASN'T SURE YOU WERE GOING TO LET THE RODIAN GO.
I WASN'T SURE THAT I SHOULD.
BUT...IT REALLY DIDN'T SEEM LIKE HE WAS PART OF THEIR PLAN.
RINN AND TIVER WERE PARTNERS. IT MADE SENSE THAT THEY KEPT THEIR BETRAYAL TO THEMSELVES.
IS THAT ALL?
...NO.
I WANT HIM TO TELL OTHER BOUNTY HUNTERS WHAT HAPPENED TODAY.


"I WANT THE WHOLE GALAXY TO KNOW WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THEY MESS WITH JANGO FETT.
"I FIGURED... IT'S WHAT YOU WOULD DO."
WHEN THEY MESS WITH EITHER OF US, YOU MEAN.
I WASN'T THE ONE WHO FIRED THOSE SHOTS.
DID I DO ALL RIGHT, THEN? EVEN THOUGH THEY GOT THE DROP ON ME?
YOU SHOT WELL. YOU TRUSTED YOUR JUDGMENT.
AND YOU'VE STARTED BUILDING YOUR REPUTATION.
"A FATHER COULDN'T ASK FOR A BETTER START FOR HIS SON'S LEGACY."
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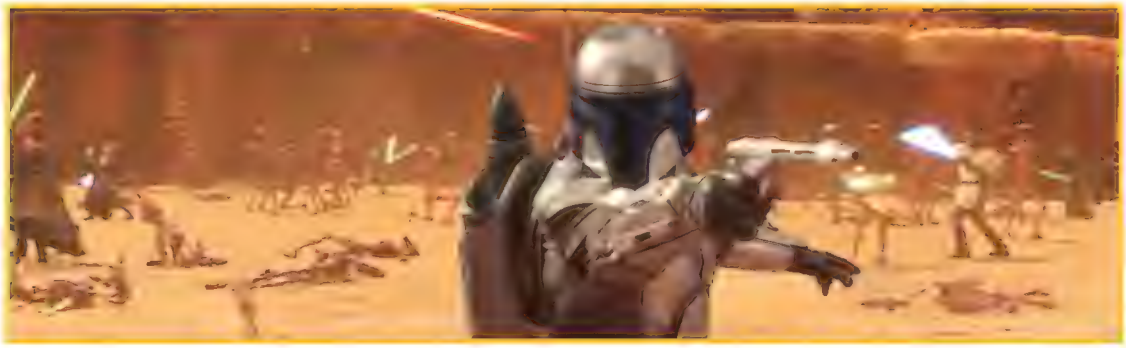


JANGO FETT:

Bounty Hunter, Father, Unrivaled Legacy

By Bria LaVorgna

"I'm just a simple man trying to make my way in the universe."

For a supposedly simple man, Jango Fett left behind quite a legacy. No other *Star Wars* character can say there were over a million identical soldiers created from his genetic code and that he had a son who one day becomes the best bounty hunter in the galaxy just like his father before him. And he did it all with just a single film appearance.

In 2002, the Prequel Trilogy pulled back the curtains on the origins of a fan-favorite character from the Original Trilogy: Boba Fett. While Legends books published in the 1990s had dabbled in his past, most fans just thought of him as being a really cool-looking bounty hunter. *Attack of the Clones* let us meet not only a very young version of Boba but also his father, Jango. It's almost ironic how we now know so much about Boba's origin and yet so little about Jango Fett, as his own background is still shrouded in mystery.

One thing we do know? Jango Fett isn't even Mandalorian. He might wear their armor--and the distinctive diamond in his armor inspired *The Clone Wars* designers for Mandalore's architecture--but that doesn't make Jango one of them. "The idea that Jango Fett is not a Mandalorian…that's something that comes directly from George [Lucas]," Dave Filoni explained in a behind-the-scenes featurette for *The Clone Wars* about creating Mandalore. "There was this early assumption that Jango must be a Mandalorian… He's always just referred to as a bounty hunter [in *Attack of the Clones*]." Jango claims to be from the Mandalorian planet Concord Dawn, but whether this is true remains to be seen. At the very least, the Prime Minister of Mandalore dismissed him as just being a "common bounty hunter" when Obi-Wan brought him up.

Origin story aside, Jango's reputation as an efficient and honorable bounty hunter grew until Darth Tyranus recruited him to be the genetic template for a clone army. In return, Jango asked for only two things: a very large stack of credits and an unaltered clone whom he would raise as his son. A decade later, Count Dooku was back with another request: assassinate Senator Amidala. It was a request that would ultimately lead to Jango losing his head in the arena on Geonosis, falling in battle against Jedi Master Mace Windu.

Regardless of whether Jango had the right to wear his armor, it's become integral to our image of the character and to how we picture Mandalorians. Initially, his armor scheme was intended to be white like Boba Fett's original concept art as well as the clone troopers in *Attack of the Clones* but was changed during production to the now-iconic silver-and-blue to help make him stand out. As anyone who's worn Mandalorian armor can tell you, the costume did present some unique challenges for actor Temuera Morrison while filming. "You couldn't see anything!" Morrison said, recounting his time in the *beskar* armor plates. "I'm standing there and can't see or hear anything because [my helmet] was fogged up from my breathing, and I'm the idiot standing there doing nothing while they're yelling out 'Action!'"

Whether he's a simple man is very much up for debate, but Jango Fett *is* proof of one simple concept: You don't have to be part of something greater than you in the galaxy. You just need to be good at your job, look cool doing it and the fans will remember you forever.

All quotes sourced from behind the scenes featurettes from The Clone Wars *and written interviews with StarWars.com Australia.*

"THE SACRIFICE"

The heroic Jedi Knights lead the clone armies of the Republic against the endless droid legions of the rebellious Separatists. The powerful young Jedi prodigy Anakin Skywalker may be the Republic's best hope to end the conflict. But as the fires of war engulf more and more of the galaxy with each passing day, Anakin faces challenges his training never prepared him for. . . .

Corvair Sector.
BABOOM
FWOOM
KRAKOOM
DROIDS ON MY TAIL!
DON'T THINK I--
THANK YOU, GENERAL SKYWALKER.

ANY TIME.

NOW...
...LET'S FINISH THIS.
FWOOM
BABOOM
KRAKOOM
"WE DIDN'T EXPECT TO FIND A DROID CONTINGENT OF THAT MAGNITUDE IN THIS SECTOR."

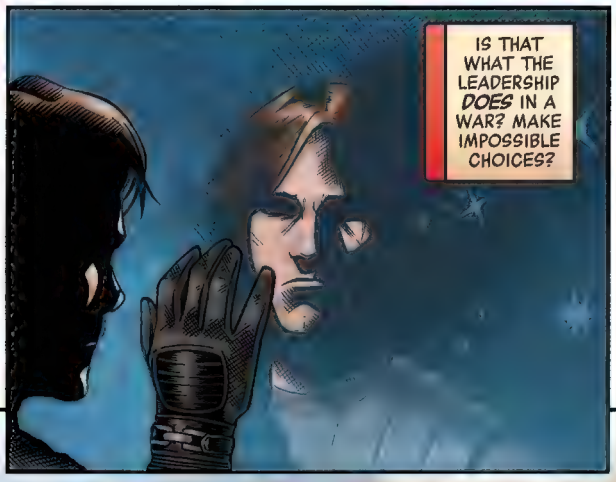
The Resolute.
DO WE KNOW WHERE THEY CAME FROM, ADMIRAL YULAREN?
REPUBLIC INTELLIGENCE LOCATED A PREVIOUSLY UNKNOWN DROID FOUNDRY ON THE THIRD MOON OF KUDO.
WITH OUR MILITARY PRESENCE HERE REVEALED, OUR WINDOW TO DESTROY THE FOUNDRY IS LIMITED.
THE NEAREST SEPARATIST REINFORCEMENTS ARE LESS THAN TWO DAYS AWAY.
SO WE STRIKE QUICK AND WE STRIKE HARD.
I'VE OUTLINED A PLAN OF ATTACK BASED ON THE ADVANCE SCOUTS' REPORTS.
WHY ARE THE POTENTIAL CASUALTY NUMBERS SO HIGH?

IT SEEMS THE FOUNDRY OPERATIONS ARE BEING RUN BY THE LOCAL KUDON POPULATION.
WE SUSPECT THE DROIDS WERE RUSHED INTO PRODUCTION BEFORE FULL AUTOMATION OF THE FACILITY COULD BE COMPLETED.
THE LAST I'D HEARD, THE KUDON HADN'T CHOSEN A SIDE IN THE CONFLICT.
INTELLIGENCE SAYS THAT'S NO LONGER THE CASE.
I RECOMMEND A SURGICAL STRIKE TARGETING THE FOUNDRY'S GENERATORS.
OUR SCHEMATICS ARE INCOMPLETE, BUT I BELIEVE IT SHOULD FULLY DESTROY THE FACILITY.
KILLING EVERYONE INSIDE.
LIVING BEINGS, NOT DROID SOLDIERS.

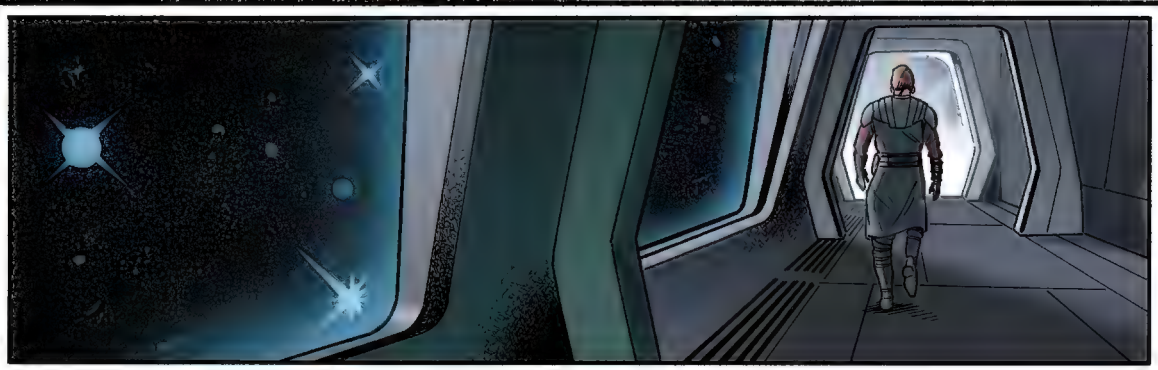
UNFORTUNATELY, THE REALITIES OF WAR CAN BE VERY UGLY.
WE'RE LUCKY THAT THE ARMY WE FACE IS PRIMARILY DROIDS.
A TWO-PRONGED ATTACK WOULD GIVE US AN OPPORTUNITY TO EVACUATE THE KUDON.
THEY AREN'T SOLDIERS. THEY'RE WORKERS.
AN EMOTIONAL APPROACH. BUT NOT A TACTICAL ONE.
ALLOWING TIME FOR AN EVACUATION WILL ALLOW TIME FOR THE SEPARATISTS TO RAISE DEFENSES.
WHICH WILL MEAN FAR MORE RISK OF CASUALTIES TO OUR *OWN* MEN.
EITHER WAY, PEOPLE WILL DIE.
AND IT'S OUR JOB TO MAKE SURE IT ISN'T *OUR* PEOPLE.

I WISH I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND ADMIRAL YULAREN'S PLAN OF ATTACK.
BUT I CAN'T FAULT HIM FOR WANTING TO PROTECT OUR SOLDIERS.

IT'S NOT LIKE I'M WRONG EITHER.


IS THAT WHAT THE LEADERSHIP DOES IN A WAR? MAKE IMPOSSIBLE CHOICES?

I'D RATHER JUST FLY.



IS DINNER ANY GOOD?
IS IT EVER, MASTER?
I HEARD ABOUT YOUR DISCUSSION WITH ADMIRAL YULAREN.
LET ME GUESS. HE WANTS THE JEDI WHO QUESTIONED HIS ORDERS OFF HIS SHIP.
NO, ACTUALLY. HE MAY HAVE HIS FAULTS, BUT EGO ISN'T ONE OF THEM.
HE WANTED TO SPEAK TO ME ABOUT YOUR CONCERNS. TO SEE IF I SHARED THEM.
AND YOU'RE NOT WRONG. THE PEOPLE IN THE FOUNDRY *AREN'T* SOLDIERS.
BUT IF HE'S RIGHT ABOUT THE RISK TO OUR CLONE SOLDIERS...
THERE HAS TO BE A BETTER WAY TO APPROACH THIS.
ISN'T THAT THE WHOLE REASON THE JEDI ARE A PART OF THIS WAR? TO HELP *SAVE* LIVES?

I WISH I HAD A SIMPLE ANSWER FOR YOU, ANAKIN.
BUT AS WE'RE ALL LEARNING, WAR IS VERY RARELY SIMPLE.

THERE ARE EVEN THOSE ON THE SIDE OF THE REPUBLIC WHO VIEW THE CLONES AS DISPOSABLE.
AT LEAST ADMIRAL YULAREN HAS FAR MORE RESPECT FOR HIS MEN THAN THAT.

I'M NOT SAYING YULAREN'S A BAD SOLDIER. OR EVEN A BAD MAN.
BUT FROM EVERYTHING I LEARNED STUDYING WITH THE JEDI, AS *YOUR* PADAWAN...

...SLAUGHTERING PEOPLE LIKE THIS IS JUST *WRONG.*

YOU'VE COME A LONG WAY, MY FORMER PADAWAN.
TRUST YOUR FEELINGS. AND TRUST THE FORCE.

I DON'T THINK YULAREN WAS VERY HAPPY WITH ME.
SO YOU PREFER TO LISTEN TO YOUR EMOTIONS INSTEAD OF AN ADMIRAL.
I'M A JEDI, ADMIRAL. I'M HERE TO DO WHAT'S RIGHT.
AND I AM A JEDI FIRST AND FOREMOST, WHATEVER MILITARY RANK THEY GIVE ME.
WE DON'T COMMIT MASS MURDER FROM A DISTANCE.

Droid Foundry.
Kudo III.
ARTOO, CAN YOU JAM THEIR SENSORS?
WE DON'T WANT THEM TO KNOW WE'RE COMING.
BWEEEP BWAAAAAH
YULAREN MENTIONED THE LOCAL KUDON POPULATION.
BUT I DON'T SEE ANY SIGNS OF CIVILIZATION AROUND HERE, APART FROM THE FOUNDRY...

IS IT JUST ME, OR IS THIS PLACE TOO QUIET, ARTOO?
EVEN IF THIS PLACE WAS THROWN TOGETHER, THE SEPARATISTS SHOULDN'T HAVE LEFT IT DEFENSELESS.
BWEEEH
I'M NOT SAYING YOU DIDN'T DO A GOOD JOB BLOCKING SENSORS...
...BUT THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE GOING ON HERE.
STAY WITH THE SHIP. AND START PLOTTING A COURSE OUT OF HERE.
IN CASE WE HAVE TO LEAVE IN A HURRY.

SHOULD BE ABLE TO HEAR THE MACHINERY.
MAYBE INTELLIGENCE WAS WRONG AND THEY HAVEN'T BEGUN OPERATIONS YET.
NO. THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE.
I CAN SENSE...
...SUFFERING?
THIS WAY.
NO...

BETTER SEE MY FACE IN IT, ANI.
THOSE AREN'T WORKERS...
YOU'RE FREE, ANI.
...THEY'RE SLAVES.

HEY! YOU AREN'T SUPPOSED TO BE HERE!
VWUUM
BUT HERE I AM.
TOO BAD FOR YOU.

IT'S A JEDI!
GET HIM!
THNK
SHFFFF
SHWW
AAAAH!
LOOK OUT!

PLEASE... DON'T...
WHO... WHO ARE YOU?
ANAKIN SKYWALKER. A JEDI OF THE REPUBLIC.
THEY GASSED OUR VILLAGE. WE WOKE UP HERE AS PRISONERS.
THEY TOLD US THE REPUBLIC WAS COMING TO KILL US.
THEN WE'LL JUST HAVE TO ALTER THEIR PLANS.

GRAB THOSE BLASTERS FROM THE FALLEN DROIDS!
ASSUMING YOU KNOW HOW TO USE THEM.
JUST BECAUSE WE DON'T FIGHT IN YOUR WAR DOESN'T MEAN WE CAN'T FIGHT.
I'M NOT ASKING YOU TO FIGHT IN ANY WAR TODAY.
JUST FOR YOURSELVES.
PEW PEW PEW
PEW PEW PEW PEW
"IT SEEMS THAT IT WAS A TRAP LAID BY THE SEPARATISTS ALL ALONG."

The Resolute.
LEAK RUMORS OF A NEW DROID FOUNDRY, AN EASY TARGET FOR THE REPUBLIC.
MAKE SURE THE WORD GOT TO OUR INTELLIGENCE.
SO THAT WE WOULD ATTACK A FACILITY FULL OF INNOCENT VICTIMS.
THE SEPARATISTS WOULD HAVE BLAMED THE REPUBLIC FOR THEIR DEATHS.
A VERY EFFECTIVE MEANS OF RECRUITING CURRENTLY NEUTRAL WORLDS TO THEIR CAUSE.
ALL THOSE LIVES WOULD HAVE BEEN LOST.
JUST SO THE GALAXY WOULD SEE REPUBLIC FORCES ATTACKING A NEUTRAL PARTY.
A TRAGEDY WE AVOIDED, THANKS TO YOU.

AS SKEPTICAL AS I MAY HAVE BEEN ABOUT YOUR APPROACH TO THIS BATTLE...
...IT DOES APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN THE RIGHT PLAY.
DO YOU THINK THIS WILL SWAY THE KUDON TO JOIN THE REPUBLIC?
AT THE VERY LEAST, I DON'T SEE THEM SIDING WITH THE SEPARATISTS NOW.
PERHAPS. THAT'S A DISCUSSION FOR POLITICIANS.
BUT BECAUSE OF YOU, ANAKIN...
"...THEY'RE STILL HERE TO MAKE THAT CHOICE."
END.

THE CENTER OF THE SAGA

Anakin Skywalker: The Most Complicated Hero

By Bryan Young

I know that you were once Anakin Skywalker, my father," Luke tells Darth Vader after surrendering to him on the forest moon of Endor.

"That name no longer has any meaning for me," Vader tells the young Jedi.

It's easy to see why Vader would want to forget the name of his true self. Anakin Skywalker was a hero, and the person he became was anything but.

It might be difficult to imagine the cherub-faced little boy on Tatooine--who risked everything he had to save a group of strangers with no thought of reward--would grow up to become one of the most villainous enforcers in the galaxy, but it was almost inevitable.

In giving us the story of Anakin Skywalker from his time before his transformation into Darth Vader, George Lucas gave us a potent lesson in how any of us can become the villain under the right circumstances, and at the end of his story, we realize that it's never too late to fight against our worst impulses.

THE CENTRAL FIGURE IN *STAR WARS*

It would be apparent watching the original three *Star Wars* films that Anakin Skywalker wasn't just the villain known as Darth Vader, but a tragic hero fallen from grace. However, it wasn't until the prequel films that audiences truly understood the immensity of Anakin's tragedy. In an interview for *Moviefone* conducted by Hayden Christensen to promote *Revenge of the Sith*, George Lucas explained how important Anakin and Vader were from the very beginning. "When I wrote the very, very first script, it was about Anakin Starkiller and his two kids. He was a rogue Jedi and there were remnants of that that found its way into the final *Star Wars*, so I would say right from the very beginning Darth Vader was the central character."

When one watches the films of the Skywalker Saga, Lucas' intentions become completely apparent. Throughout the prequels we see Anakin's life crumble into tragedy. Through the classic trilogy, we see what that pain and anger do to a person and how they can come back from it. And now, as the sequel trilogy unfolds, we see the legacy of Anakin through his family and the shadow cast by the deeds of his life.

How it all plays out is something we're all excited to witness.

BEST INTENTIONS ON THE PATH TO HELL

For Anakin Skywalker, part of his heroism comes from the fact that he always wants to do the right thing, but he's distorted his thinking into feeling that the ends justify the means.

"Well, if it works," he says to Padmé with a smile when she suggests that his perfect view of politics would be a dictatorship. He continues to do the wrong thing for what sounds like right reasons through the Clone Wars, whether that's in torturing Poggle the Lesser to save the life of his Padawan, Ahsoka, or trying to protect his wife by punching Rush Clovis in the face. He continues to do bad things in the pursuit of good, so it's no wonder he's willing to risk everything for a chance to save his wife from certain death.

It's even telling that after he's murdered the Jedi at the temple, including the younglings, he informs Obi-Wan on Mustafar that it's all okay because he's brought peace, freedom, justice and security to the galaxy. For a hero idolized around the galaxy, it's a heartbreaking turn into villainy, but that's what great stories are made of. No villain thinks they're a villain; they're the heroes of their own stories.

It leaves one to wonder, though, how complete the split was between the personas of Anakin and Vader and whether Vader ever thought of himself as a villain. By the looks of it, Anakin never did, and that's what makes his character as complicated as it is iconic.

SOURCES: Moviefone: "Star Wars: Episode III - Revenge of the Sith" - *Unscripted - Hayden Christensen, George Lucas*

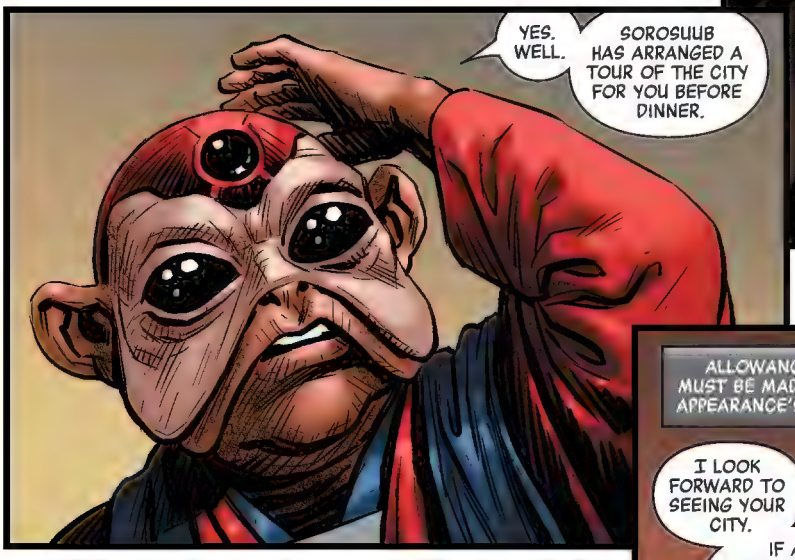
"THE COST"

Count Dooku was one of the wisest and most revered Jedi in the galaxy. But during his long years of service he became disgusted by the rampant corruption poisoning the Republic and disillusioned with the archaic and dogmatic views of the Jedi. Finally, Dooku left the Order to follow a new path in the hope of saving the galaxy from itself: the path of Darth Sidious and the hated enemies of the Jedi, the evil Sith. . . .

Sullust.
NORMALLY, I WOULD NOT DEIGN TO COME TO THIS PLANET MYSELF.
NEGOTIATING WITH A CORPORATION ON THEIR HOMEWORLD PLACES THEM IN THE POSITION OF POWER.
HARDLY IDEAL
BUT I AM NOT MERELY HERE FOR BUSINESS MATTERS
MY MASTER WISHES ME TO FORGE AN ALLIANCE ON HIS BEHALF.

HE HAS PLANS FOR THIS WORLD
FOR THE WHOLE GALAXY
AND I WILL BE THE ONE TO HELP HIM EXECUTE THOSE PLANS
GREETINGS, COUNT DOOKU.

I AM REPRESENTATIVE KAP KLYP OF THE SOROSUUB CORPORATION.
WE ARE SO PLEASED THAT YOU COULD JOIN US TO CONTINUE THE CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS IN PERSON.
AS AM I, REPRESENTATIVE KLYP.


YES. WELL.
SOROSUUB HAS ARRANGED A TOUR OF THE CITY FOR YOU BEFORE DINNER.

ALLOWANCES MUST BE MADE FOR APPEARANCE'S SAKE.
I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOUR CITY.
IF ALL GOES WELL, MY REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE SPENDING A GREAT DEAL OF TIME HERE.

THE SULLUSTAN MUST NEVER SUSPECT MY TRUE PURPOSE.
WE ARE REALLY QUITE PROUD OF THE FEATS OF ENGINEERING THAT HAVE ALLOWED US TO...

Later.
...PUBLIC SPACES LIKE THIS ONE HAVE BECOME A FAVORITE SPOT FOR TOURISTS AND BUSINESS TRAVELERS ALIKE.
YES. I CAN SEE WHY.
THIS GROWS INTOLERABLE.
AND I HAVE OTHER PLACES THAT I MUST BE
I'M AFRAID MY TRAVELS HAVE TIRED ME MORE THAN I REALIZED.
IF I MIGHT RETIRE AND REST BEFORE DINNER...
OH, OF COURSE. I SHOULD HAVE REALIZED--
MASTER DOOKU?
IT IS YOU!
A JEDI? HERE?

ALTHOUGH I GUESS IT WOULD BE *COUNT* DOOKU THESE DAYS, WOULDN'T IT?
I'M AFRAID YOU HAVE ME AT A DISADVANTAGE, MASTER...
NOT YET A MASTER, COUNT DOOKU. JUST A JEDI KNIGHT.
MY NAME IS JAK'ZIN. I DOUBT YOU WOULD REMEMBER ME.
"I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU SINCE I WAS A YOUNGLING AT THE JEDI TEMPLE, BEFORE YOU LEFT THE ORDER.
"BUT I'LL NEVER FORGET YOUR DUELING DEMONSTRATIONS WITH MASTER YODA.
"YOUR SKILL WITH A LIGHTSABER WAS SIMPLY *INSPIRATIONAL.*"

I ALSO KNEW MASTER QUI-GON, BEFORE HE--
MASTER JEDI, IF YOU WOULD EXCUSE US, THE COUNT AND I WERE--
REPRESENTATIVE KAP KLYP, WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE TO MAKE ROOM FOR ONE MORE AT DINNER?
THAT IS, IF YOU ARE FREE TO JOIN US.
IT WOULD BE MY HONOR, MA--
COUNT.
OUR BUSINESS DISCUSSIONS--
CAN ONLY BENEFIT BY HAVING A JEDI KNIGHT THERE TO MEDIATE.
...OF COURSE. I SHALL MAKE THE ARRANGEMENTS.
NOW, LET ME SHOW YOU TO YOUR ACCOMMODATIONS...

"THE PRESENCE OF THE JEDI COULD COMPLICATE MATTERS, LORD SIDIOUS."
DO YOU KNOW WHY HE'S HERE?
I DO NOT KNOW OF THE COUNCIL'S PLANS IN THIS INSTANCE.
FOR NOW, THE JEDI STILL KEEP MUCH OF THEIR BUSINESS TO THEMSELVES.
GAIN HIS TRUST. DISCOVER WHAT HIS MISSION ON SULLUST IS.
AND ENSURE THAT HE DOESN'T LEARN ABOUT THE ALLIANCES YOU ARE THERE TO BUILD.
AND IF THERE IS A CHANCE HE COULD BECOME AN ALLY TO OUR CAUSE?
A SITH MASTER NEEDS ONLY ONE APPRENTICE.
UNLESS YOU ARE SUGGESTING THAT HE REPLACE YOU.
OF COURSE NOT, MY MASTER.

"I WILL DO AS YOU COMMAND."
FORMING A NEW ORDER OF FORCE USERS?
IS THAT *REALLY* WHAT THE RUMORS SAY?
IT IS PROBABLY THE MOST COMMON AMONG THE JEDI, YES.
I'M AFRAID THE REALITY IS FAR LESS INTERESTING THAN THAT.
I'M MERELY LOOKING AFTER MY FAMILY'S BUSINESS INTERESTS ON SERENNO.
EXACTLY THE LIFE I WOULD HAVE LED HAD I NEVER JOINED THE JEDI.
A LIFE *MOST* SUITED TO YOU, COUNT.
AND WHAT BRINGS *YOU* SO FAR INTO THE OUTER RIM, JAK'ZIN?
PRIVATE BUSINESS FOR THE COUNCIL.
YOU UNDERSTAND.
OF COURSE.

That Evening.
JAK'ZIN?
MIGHT I WALK WITH YOU A BIT?
OF COURSE.
I COULD SENSE YOU WERE TROUBLED AT DINNER.
I'M SORRY. I'LL ADMIT MY MISSION HERE HAS ME A BIT... DISTRACTED.
PARDON ME FOR ASKING, BUT...
IS THIS MISSION OF YOURS PARTICULARLY DANGEROUS?
I MEAN... THEY DID SEND A JEDI FOR A REASON, COUNT.
WHY DO YOU ASK?
YOU'LL FORGIVE AN OLD MAN HIS SENTIMENT.
YOU SAID EARLIER THAT YOU KNEW MY APPRENTICE. MASTER QUI-GON JINN.

OF COURSE. HE WAS A GREAT JEDI.
AND A GREAT FRIEND.
WHEN I HEARD THE NEWS OF HIS DEATH, I COULDN'T HELP BUT WONDER...
...HAD I REMAINED WITH THE ORDER, WOULD HE HAVE STILL DIED?
YOU CAN'T BLAME YOURSELF.
PERHAPS. EVEN THE COMPANY OF HIS PADAWAN WASN'T ENOUGH TO SAVE HIM.
BUT MAYBE HIS MASTER WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO.
I CAN'T HELP BUT NOTICE THAT WHATEVER YOUR MISSION, YOU FACE IT ALONE.
FORGIVE AN OLD MAN FOR THINKING THAT PERHAPS THIS TIME HE COULD MAKE A DIFFERENCE.
WELL, YOU *WERE* A JEDI MASTER ONCE...

THERE IS SOME SORT OF CRIMINAL GROUP THAT HAS BEEN MAKING INROADS HERE ON SULLUST.
THEY CALL THEMSELVES THE KALDANA SYNDICATE. SOROSUUB HAS DENIED THEY ARE A PROBLEM.
THE VERY GROUP MY MASTER ASKED ME TO SEEK OUT.
HOWEVER, ENOUGH REPORTS HAVE REACHED THE REPUBLIC--
THAT THE REPUBLIC ASKED THE JEDI FOR HELP. AND THUS YOU WERE DISPATCHED.
YES.
AND THAT IS WHY YOU WERE SO HESITANT TO SPEAK IN FRONT OF THE SOROSUUB REPRESENTATIVE AT DINNER.
IT'S SETTLED THEN. I WILL ASSIST YOU WITH YOUR INVESTIGATION.
THAT'S NOT--
MY YOUNG JEDI, EVEN IF I WEREN'T CONCERNED FOR YOUR SAFETY...
...I DO HAVE A RATHER SIZABLE FINANCIAL INVESTMENT ON THIS WORLD.

"ARE YOU REALLY GOING TO TURN DOWN THE HELP?"
LET ME KNOW IF I'M GOING TOO FAST.
I'LL BE FINE.
I'VE TRACKED THEM TO THIS LOCATION.
BUT I HAVEN'T YET DETERMINED THEIR NUMBERS.
THEN LET US GO AND ASK.

WHMP
THOOM THOOM THOOM
SHFFF
PEW
WOOSH
THANK YOU.
IT'S A GOOD THING I CAME ALONG.
IT'S NOT YOUR TIME TO DIE, JEDI. NOT YET.

I CAN SENSE--
BZZSs
UHFF!
STAY BEHIND ME.
THAT DOES SEEM THE BEST COURSE OF ACTION.
BZZSs

OH NO...
WHAT IS IT?
THEY'RE DEALING IN WEAPONS.
DROP THE LIGHTSABER!
...WE'RE SURROUNDED, AREN'T WE?
FOR THE MOMENT...

VWWOOM
...BUT I DON'T BELIEVE THE MOMENT WILL LAST.
WHAT--?!
KILL THEM! QUICKLY!

PEW
PEW PEW
GAH!
PEW
NGGGGH!
PEW
PEW
UGGH!
ARGH!

THAT LIGHTSABER. IT'S--
WHERE DID YOU GET THAT?
I MADE IT, OF COURSE.
PEW
PITY.

I HAVE COME TO DISCUSS A BUSINESS ARRANGEMENT WITH YOUR ORGANIZATION.
OR WHAT REMAINS OF IT.
WHO... WHO ARE...
I AM BUT AN AGENT OF YOUR NEW MASTER.
I TRUST THAT YOU UNDERSTAND ME.
YES. YES, WE DO.
GOOD.

IT MIGHT NOT SEEM LIKE MUCH, A GANG OF WEAPONS DEALERS HERE, A GROUP OF PIRATES THERE
I TRUST THAT OUR ACCOMMODATIONS WERE TO YOUR LIKING DURING YOUR STAY WITH US.
YOUR HOSPITALITY WAS MOST GRACIOUS.
AND SOROSUUB'S OFFER DURING THE CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS EVEN MORE SO.
BUT AS UNREST AND CHAOS SPREAD ACROSS AN ALREADY CORRUPT REPUBLIC
IT WILL BE THAT MUCH EASIER FOR THE SITH TO GRASP POWER
THAT IS WONDERFUL TO HEAR. WE LOOK FORWARD TO DOING BUSINESS WITH SERENNO FOR MANY MORE YEARS.
AND WE HOPE YOU WILL GRACE US WITH YOUR PRESENCE AGAIN SOON.
WHEN THE TIME IS RIGHT.
SOON, THE GALAXY WILL BE WHAT WE MAKE OF IT.
END.

AGE OF REPUBLIC

Count Dooku: A Sith for a More Civilized Age

By Bria LaVorgna

Every good villain is the hero of his or her own story, and *Star Wars* embraces this concept wholeheartedly from Vader to Ventress. However, the villains in *Star Wars* movies tend to be easily visually identified as such. Darth Vader is a monster clad in black, Emperor Palpatine's face is far from beautiful and Maul's look could have been ripped from someone's nightmare. This holds mostly true in the films right up until *Attack of the Clones*, when we meet Count Dooku, who couldn't appear more different from the other villains. At first glance, Dooku exudes nobility and elegance; someone who looks more like a senator, or perhaps the hero, than a dark lord of the Sith, and yet he's very much on the evil Darth Sidious' side.

Or is he? When Dooku first meets Obi-Wan Kenobi, he tells the Jedi Knight the truth: the Senate is corrupt and under the control of the Sith. The Count is even honest about how Sidious manipulated the Trade Federation into forming a blockade around Naboo. Dooku asks Obi-Wan to join him and destroy the Sith, but Kenobi turns him down and, ultimately, Dooku falls to Anakin Skywalker's blade when Sidious betrays his onetime apprentice. It's hard not to wonder what might have been if Obi-Wan had taken the invitation or whether Dooku's offer had even been sincere. His villainy grows deeper the longer the Clone Wars continue, yet one thing is clear: Dooku, an idealist, believes he's doing the right thing for the galaxy. He just might not be going about it in the most light side way.

While the character may not have looked like one of the bad guys, his actor was well known for playing villains. Perhaps more than most characters, Count Dooku's identity is intimately entwined with his actor, Sir Christopher Lee, in voice, appearance and presence. A prolific and respected actor, Lee already had ties to *Star Wars* via his close friendship with Peter Cushing. The pair appeared in over twenty films together and, while their appearances in the saga were twenty-five years apart and in separate films, it was, in a way, their final collaboration. Like Cushing once had with Grand Moff Tarkin, Lee brought a certain gravitas to his role. His presence on the screen demands the viewer's attention, as does his distinct voice, and Lee's influence on the character is unmistakable.

One such way was by utilizing his experience. "I've probably done more sword fights on celluloid than any actor in history," Lee said in the making-of documentary for *Attack of the Clones*, "and I've got the scars to prove it." Whereas most of the Jedi and Sith use a two-handed grip, Stunt Coordinator Nick Gillard has Dooku favor a distinct single-handed grip. The style, combined with a curved lightsaber hilt, hints at a different sort of Jedi lightsaber training and plays to Lee's strengths and how comfortable he was fencing on-screen (although he did still require a stunt double for some scenes). Dooku handily defeats both Obi-Wan and Anakin on Geonosis and holds his own for much of the duel aboard the Capital starship *Invisible Hand*, proving alongside Master Yoda that for a Force user, age is only a number.

From his elegant cape to his unique fighting style, Count Dooku is proof that you don't always have to choose when it comes to style versus substance. Dooku and Sir Christopher Lee have given *Star Wars* a different sort of Sith, adding to the ever-growing mythos of the galaxy far, far away.

SOURCES: From Puppets to Pixels: Digital Characters *in* Episode II *featurette.*

"BRIDGE"

The Clone Wars rage as the armies of the Republic battle the endless Separatist droid legions. But soldiers are not the only ones making sacrifices. The noble Senator Padmé Amidala of Naboo wants nothing more than to bring the conflict to a swift conclusion and spare the galaxy further bloodshed. But victory for the Republic means finding new allies—and defeating her enemies both on and off the battlefield. . . .

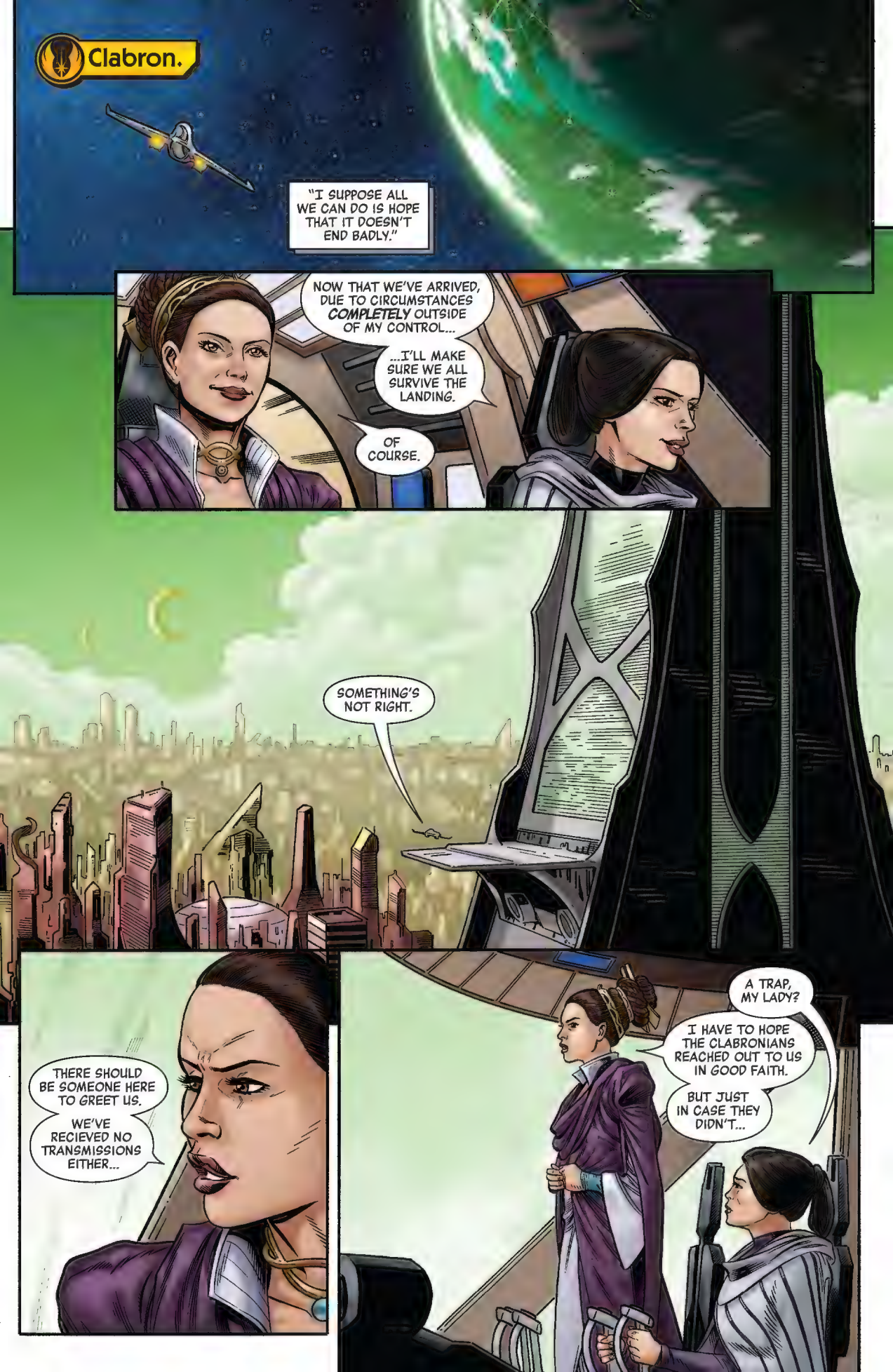
Coruscant.
"ARE YOU SURE YOU DON'T WANT ME TO COME WITH YOU?"
EVEN ON THE CORE WORLDS, YOU'VE BEEN A TARGET BEFORE.
I CAN'T HAVE A JEDI PROTECTOR ALL THE TIME, ANI.
I'VE MISSED YOU, PADMÉ.
I KNOW.
I WISH WE COULD SEE EACH OTHER MORE.
BUT AS LONG AS THE REPUBLIC IS AT WAR, WE EACH HAVE JOBS TO DO. AND WATCHING ME ISN'T YOURS.
NO. IT'S MORE OF A HOBBY.

SENATOR AMIDALA...
...THE SHIP IS READY TO DEPART.
WE WERE JUST--
MOTEÉ UNDERSTANDS DISCRETION, ANAKIN.
PERHAPS BETTER THAN YOU.
RIGHT...
WE'LL TALK AFTER YOU GET BACK FROM DURO.

YOU TOLD HIM YOU WERE GOING TO DURO?
ANAKIN CAN BE... PROTECTIVE.
BEYOND THAT, HE HAS CLOSE TIES TO CHANCELLOR PALPATINE.
AND BOTH THE CHANCELLOR AND THE SENATE HAVE MADE THEIR STANCE ON NEUTRAL WORLDS CLEAR.
IF THEY AREN'T ALLIES OR ENEMIES, THEY ARE TO BE IGNORED.
SO YOU HAVE TOLD NO ONE YOUR TRUE DESTINATION.
AND YOU WILL ONLY HAVE DORMÉ AND MYSELF TO PROTECT YOU.
I KNOW I'M TAKING A RISK HERE.
BUT IF WE CAN BRING ANOTHER SYSTEM INTO THE REPUBLIC, IT'S WORTH IT.
BESIDES, I THINK THE THREE OF US MAKE FOR A FORMIDABLE GROUP.

I'LL BE FLYING FOR THIS MISSION, DORMÉ.
MY LADY?
ACCOUNTABILITY. IF ANYTHING SHOULD GO WRONG...
I'LL BE THE ONE RESPONSIBLE FOR NAVIGATING US INTO HOSTILE TERRITORY.
IF YOU INSIST--
I DO.
MAY THE FORCE BE WITH US...

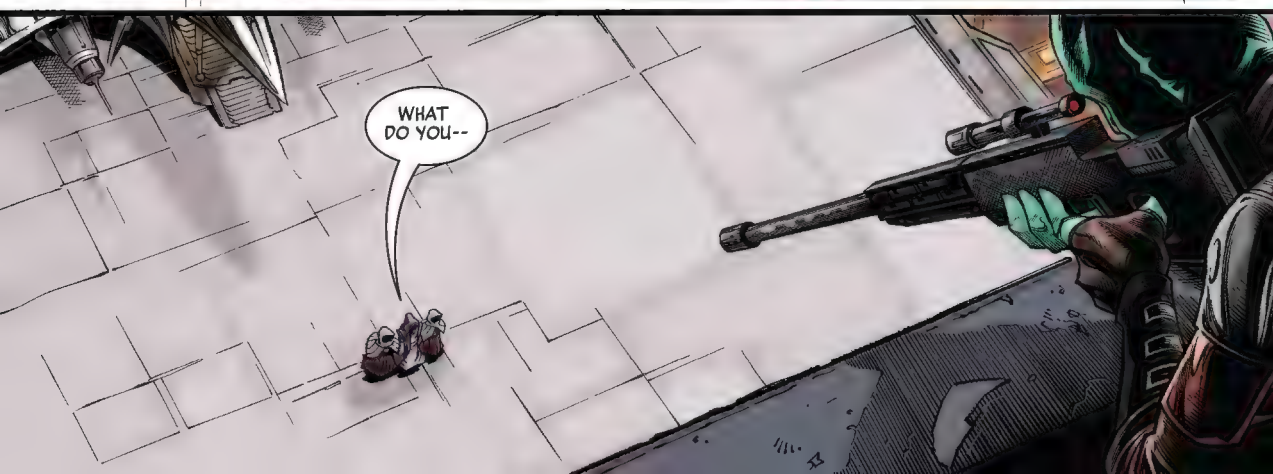
"DID YOU KNOW?"
ABOUT WHAT?
THE JEDI.
OUR LADY IS MANY THINGS. BUT SUBTLE, SHE IS NOT. THE JEDI, EVEN LESS SO.
PERHAPS THAT'S WHY THEY GET ALONG SO WELL.
AS HER HANDMAIDENS, SOMETIMES PROTECTING HER ALSO MEANS PROTECTING HER SECRETS.
I KNOW. IT JUST SEEMS... ILL-ADVISED.
OUR LADY ALLOWS HERSELF SO FEW MOMENTS OF HAPPINESS.
HOW CAN WE BEGRUDGE HER *THIS?*


Clabron.
"I SUPPOSE ALL WE CAN DO IS HOPE THAT IT DOESN'T END BADLY."
NOW THAT WE'VE ARRIVED, DUE TO CIRCUMSTANCES COMPLETELY OUTSIDE OF MY CONTROL...
...I'LL MAKE SURE WE ALL SURVIVE THE LANDING.
OF COURSE.
SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT.
THERE SHOULD BE SOMEONE HERE TO GREET US.
WE'VE RECIEVED NO TRANSMISSIONS EITHER...
A TRAP, MY LADY?
I HAVE TO HOPE THE CLABRONIANS REACHED OUT TO US IN GOOD FAITH.
BUT JUST IN CASE THEY DIDN'T...

"...BE READY FOR ANYTHING."
I DON'T LIKE THIS...
ME EITHER.

WAIT.
NOT UNTIL WE HAVE A REASON.
LET'S JUST HOPE DEATH ISN'T THE REASON...
THERE.
HELLO?
I REALLY DON'T LIKE THIS...

MY NAME IS PADMÉ AMIDALA. I'M A SENATOR OF THE REPUBLIC.
MY PRESENCE WAS REQUESTED BY GRAND MINISTER STIN.
NO REPUBLIC!
YOU MUST LEAVE IMMEDIATELY!
I PREFER TO HEAR THAT FROM GRAND MINISTER STIN HIMSELF!
IT IS DANGEROUS!
GO! NOW!


WHAT DO YOU--

PEW
GAAH!
PEW PEW
DOWN!
MOTEÉ!
NGGH...

WE'RE TOO VULNERABLE HERE!
BACK TO THE SHIP, MY LADY! GET TO COVER!
PEW
PEW
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!
I...I WILL BE...MY LADY...
COME ON!
KSHEW
KSHEW
OF COURSE SHE DIDN'T GO BACK TO THE SHIP...

PLEASE LET US IN.
I...I CAN'T...
YOU TRIED TO WARN US OF THE DANGER. AND I THANK YOU FOR THAT.
BUT MY FRIEND IS INJURED. SHE NEEDS HELP.
YOU DO KNOW THE SNIPER IS INSIDE THE BUILDING, YES?
YES. AND BEING DIRECTLY BELOW THEM TAKES US OUT OF THEIR LINE OF SIGHT.
OUR NEW FRIEND HERE IS...
SECOND MINISTER TARMIN. BUT YOU REALLY--
ARE YOU INVOLVED IN THIS?
DORMÉ!

WE'RE NOT HERE TO HURT ANYONE.
WE'RE ON A DIPLOMATIC MISSION. ONE WE HOPE WILL BENEFIT YOUR PEOPLE.
NOW. WILL YOU HELP US?
YOU CAN BRING YOUR FRIEND IN.
BUT IT ISN'T SAFE FOR YOU HERE.
FEW PLACES ARE.

IN HERE, HURRY!
WHAT HAPPENED?
AN ASSASSIN. THERE WAS AN ALARM, MOST OF THE WORKERS EVACUATED.
GRAND MINISTER STIN WAS WAITING FOR YOU...
GRAND MINISTER, I'M SO SORRY. IF WE HAD ARRIVED EARLIER--
THEN... YOU MIGHT BE...DEAD TOO.
GO ATTEND...HER, PLEASE.
YES. I WILL AID THE ONE WHO WILL LIVE.
TELL ME HOW THE REPUBLIC CAN HELP YOUR PEOPLE.

KCK.
THERE HAD BEEN MUCH DISCUSSION...SO MANY OF OUR PEOPLE WISHED TO...TO STAY OUT OF THE CONFLICT.
THEY HOPED THAT... THE REPUBLIC WOULD WIN. YOU WOULD MORE... MORE EASILY FORGIVE A NEUTRAL WORLD.
AND THAT... THAT TOLD ME ALL I NEEDED TO KNOW ABOUT... ABOUT WHICH SIDE...
THE SEPARATISTS... THEY MUST HAVE... HAD SPIES...
IT'S ALL RIGHT. I'LL FIND A WAY TO HELP YOUR PEOPLE.
PROVE... I WASN'T... WRONG... ABOUT...

WHO'S IN CHARGE NOW?
WITH THE GRAND MINISTER'S PASSING...
...AS SECOND MINISTER, I NOW TAKE HIS PLACE.
YOU SHOULD NEVER HAVE COME HERE! STIN WAS A FOOL TO INVITE YOU!
AND HIS PRICE IS ONE TOO MANY WILL PAY. MY PEOPLE ARE NOT SOLDIERS.
NEITHER AM I.
NO. YOU'RE A POLITICIAN. SOME WOULD SAY THAT'S WORSE.
AS A POLITICIAN YOURSELF, I WOULD HOPE YOU'D UNDERSTAND WE'RE NOT ALL IN THIS FOR PERSONAL GAIN.
IN FACT, I WOULD GUESS THAT YOU YOURSELF FALL INTO THAT CATEGORY.
OTHERWISE, YOU'D BE LESS UPSET ABOUT STIN'S MURDER AND HAPPIER ABOUT YOUR PROMOTION.
WHAT IS IT YOU *WANT*, SENATOR AMIDALA?

AN END TO THIS WAR, FOR ONE. AND PERHAPS I'M ASKING TOO MUCH.
BUT I'D LIKE TO SEE A GALAXY WHERE SYSTEMS AREN'T FORCED TO CHOOSE A SIDE OUT OF *FEAR.*
"I'VE SPENT MOST OF MY LIFE IN PUBLIC SERVICE. FIRST ON NABOO, THEN IN THE GALACTIC SENATE.
"I'VE ALWAYS ARGUED FOR PEACE. TRIED TO PREVENT THE SUFFERING OF MY OWN PEOPLE AND THE GREATER GALAXY."
AND HOW WELL HAS *THAT* GONE OVER?
LET'S JUST SAY THAT TODAY ISN'T MY FIRST TIME BEING SHOT AT.
BUT TRYING TO SERVE THE GREATER GOOD DOESN'T EXACTLY MAKE YOU POPULAR.
"THIS WAR BREAKS MY HEART MORE THAN I CAN SAY. THE WOUNDS RUN DEEP.
"BUT I STILL BELIEVE IN WHAT THE REPUBLIC STANDS FOR. EVERYTHING WE'VE WORKED SO HARD TO BUILD."
I'VE *GIVEN* IT MY WHOLE HEART. MY WHOLE LIFE.
AND I HAVE TO BELIEVE THAT THE REPUBLIC WILL EMERGE FROM THIS WAR MORE UNITED THAN EVER.
UNITED, *HUH?* DOES THAT INCLUDE OUR ASSASSIN FRIEND UPSTAIRS?
I HAVE A DIFFERENT IDEA FOR THEM...

"...WHAT A FRIEND OF MINE LIKES TO CALL *AGGRESSIVE NEGOTIATIONS.*"
THERE YOU ARE...
DON'T EVEN HAVE ANY *JEDI* AROUND TO PROTECT YOU.
SHAME. I WOULD HAVE *ENJOYED--*
PEW
GAH!

I'M SURE YOU WOULD HAVE.

LIS MOHLES IS WANTED IN THE REPUBLIC FOR... NUMEROUS CHARGES.
UNLESS YOU WOULD PREFER TO TRY HER FOR MURDER HERE.
NO, NO... MY PEOPLE HAVE ENOUGH TO WORRY ABOUT NOW WITH THE TRANSITION OF POWER.
I CAN'T PROMISE YOU THAT WE WILL MAKE THE SAME CHOICE AS STIN DID REGARDING THIS CONFLICT.
WE WILL NOT FIGHT. BUT THERE IS OTHER AID WE COULD OFFER. WE WILL DISCUSS.
A CHANCE IS ALL WE CAN ASK FOR.
A CHANCE TO PROVE THAT OUR HOPE FOR A BETTER GALAXY ISN'T UNFOUNDED.
END.

AGE OF REPUBLIC

Padmé Amidala: The Hero for a Generation

By Bria LaVorgna

Padmé Amidala Naberrie is responsible for the three months I spent when I was nine years old hoping to one day be elected queen just like her. I was eventually reminded we don't elect teenage queens, but she remains a woman I strive to be like two decades later.

To some fans, Padmé is just another character in the Prequel Trilogy or perhaps mostly known for being Anakin's wife and Luke and Leia's mother but there's always been more to her than that. To an entire generation of young women, she's been an inspiration, showing us that all sorts of girls can be heroes. Padmé's beautiful, elaborate gowns, which drew inspiration from cultures across the world, never detracted from her strength of character or made her lesser in any way. In fact, they were sometimes even a tactical move that fooled adversaries into underestimating her. "It's the great way that George sort of portrays women," explained actress Natalie Portman in "P-19," a behind-the-scenes look at *Attack of the Clones*. "They can be powerful and they can be soft and they can wear beautiful clothes and that doesn't contradict her strength." Someone who faced down an entire planetary invasion at the age of fourteen can only be described as strong.

It was that same planetary invasion that showed us she wasn't averse to handling a blaster despite being a politician who was also protected by both the royal security force and her loyal handmaidens. Whether it was leading the attack to take back her home or battling for her life in an execution arena, Padmé often fought right alongside Jedi and her fellow Naboo alike, unwilling to let others risk their lives if she didn't do so as well. She's even one of the best on-screen shots in the *Star Wars* films, hitting her targets more consistently and accurately than most.

While certainly not one to shy away from a conflict, she was also an advocate for diplomacy, turning to "aggressive negotiations" only when all other avenues were exhausted. She was a child when she decided to join the Apprentice Legislators and dedicate her life to public service, and barely even a teenager when elected queen of her entire planet. It's an admirable calling in life to say the least. Her diplomacy even brought the Gungans to her side, uniting their two civilizations to fight for their planet despite a long history of tension. Her mediation efforts often even put her directly in harm's way, especially during the Clone Wars, but the danger never deterred her.

Padmé was also a woman who loved the people in her life deeply, even though her work tended to dominate her time. From her family and friends to the people who worked for her, Padmé cared about all of them and always wanted to believe the best. That faith extended to her husband, Anakin Skywalker, even after she was confronted with irrefutable evidence he'd gone down the path of the dark side. With her dying breath, she told Obi-Wan, "There is good in him," a belief eventually proven to be true decades later.

From her compassion to her strength of character, Padmé is every inch the hero both of her children are. "She doesn't act for her own good and for her own quest for power. She really tries to do the best for her people. I think it's a role model really for everyone and it would be good for young girls to see," Portman said in the "Story" featurette for *The Phantom Menace*. And she was right. As the Prequel Trilogy generation has grown up, many of us have taken the lessons Padmé taught us to heart. Fight for what you believe in. Dressing fabulously in no way detracts from the quality of your convictions. Always work for a better world. Hold on to hope that there's still good in everyone even when all seems lost. And, most importantly, always keep a spare blaster in the arm of your throne.

"BURN"

The Clone Wars rage! The Jedi Order leads the armies of the Republic in battle against the endless Separatist droid legions. The Jedi may have finally met their match in the fearsome and merciless General Grievous! Countless Jedi have fallen to Grievous' blades, but no matter how many Jedi he slaughters, nothing can sate the cyborg's appetite for destruction. . . .

Ledeve.
IT WON'T SAVE HIM.
GVVNNN
SHHFFF

UHK!
TOO SLOW, JEDI.

LET'S SEE IF YOU LAST LONGER THAN YOUR MASTER.

GGWWWNNNN
HURK!
SHHHHHFFFF
WHMP

SO THIS IS WHAT BROUGHT THEM HERE...
HEHHEHHAHAHA--
KAFF
KAFF

THE JEDI AND THEIR SECRETS...
...THESE TEMPLE WALLS ARE NOT ENOUGH TO KEEP THEM SAFE FROM ME.

THEY ERECT STATUES TO THEIR SUPPOSED GLORY.
BUT I HAVE STATUES TOO.
ONES THAT WERE EARNED.

PFFT
CLAK CLAK
CLAK CLAK
KRRRKK
PATHETIC. WEAK.

THIS MUST BE IT.
WHATEVER SECRETS THE JEDI HID AT THE CENTER OF THEIR TEMPLE...
...ARE NOW...
CLAK CLAK
...MINE.
CLAK CLAK

CAN'T FEEL...
MUST HAVE BEEN A SENSOR ERROR.
KLK
KLK
KLK

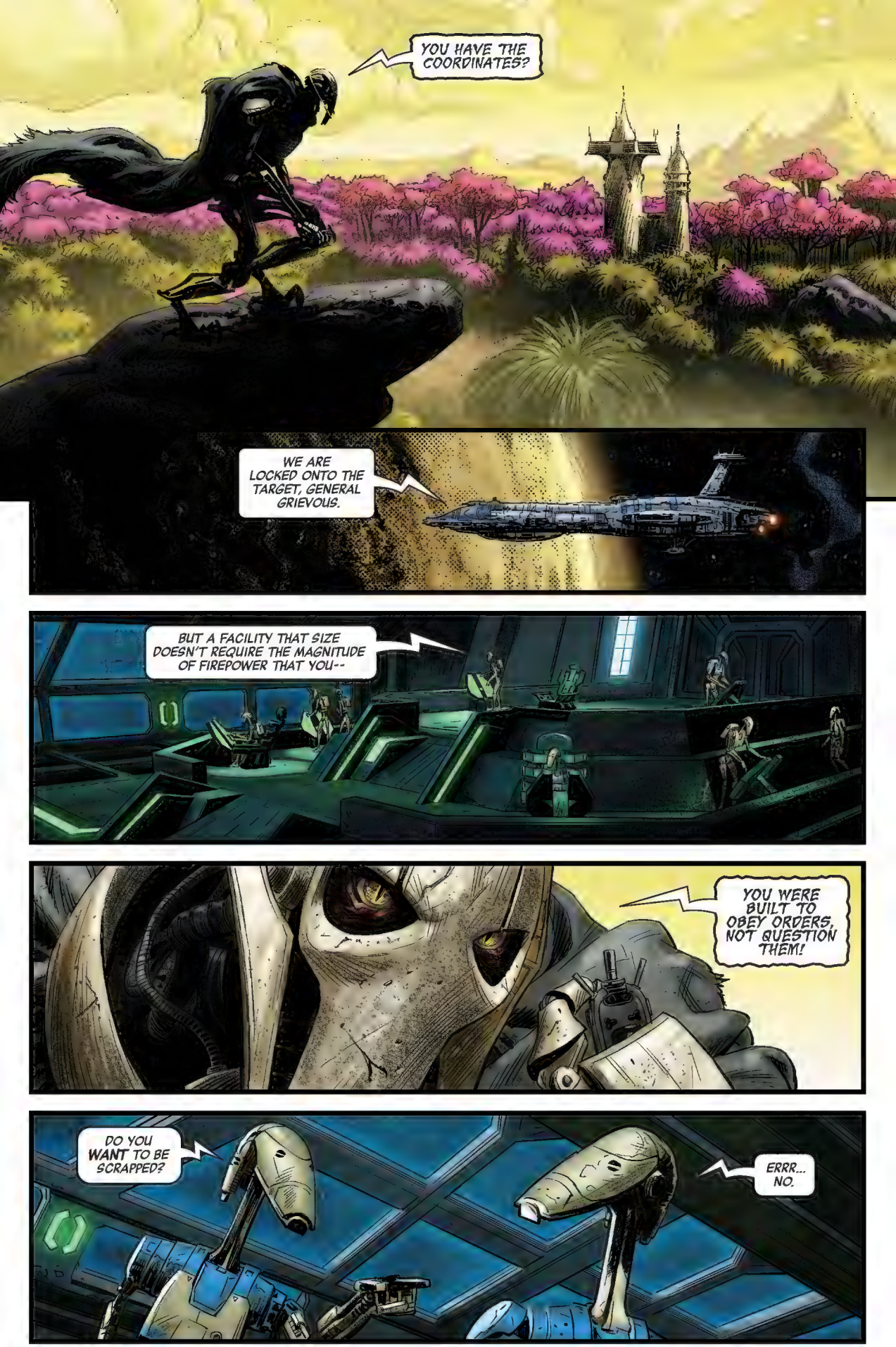
I FEEL... NOTHING.
MORE JEDI TRICKERY!
DO THEY EXPECT ME TO TREMBLE IN FEAR AT THEIR POWER?
RRR...
I HAVE SLAUGHTERED THEIR KIND WITH THEIR OWN WEAPONS.

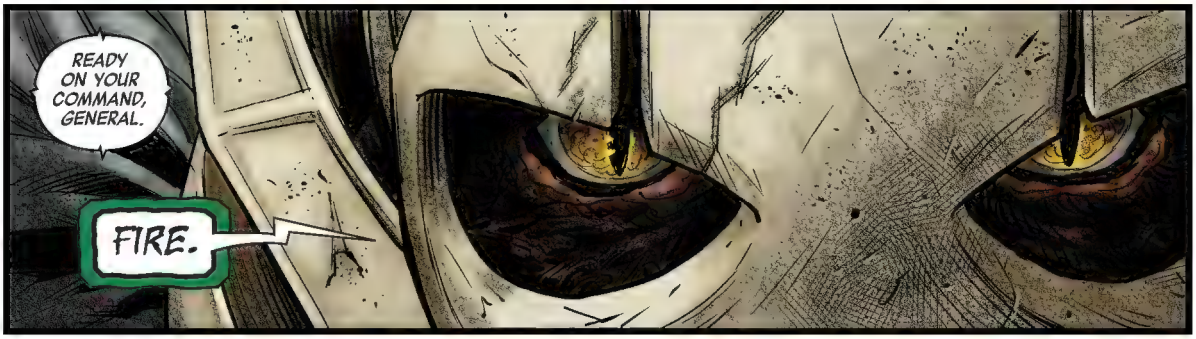
HAVE YOU COME SEEKING KNOWLEDGE? POWER? TRUTH?
I NEED NOTHING FROM THE JEDI.
EXCEPT THEIR DESTRUCTION.
DESTRUCTION. YES.
YOU ARE STEEPED IN IT.
IMPOSSIBLE...
YOU HAVE BROUGHT DESTRUCTION UPON YOURSELF.
I HAVE IMPROVED MYSELF! FAR STRONGER THAN THIS MERE FLESH!
FOUND POWER THAT MAKES EVEN THE JEDI TREMBLE!

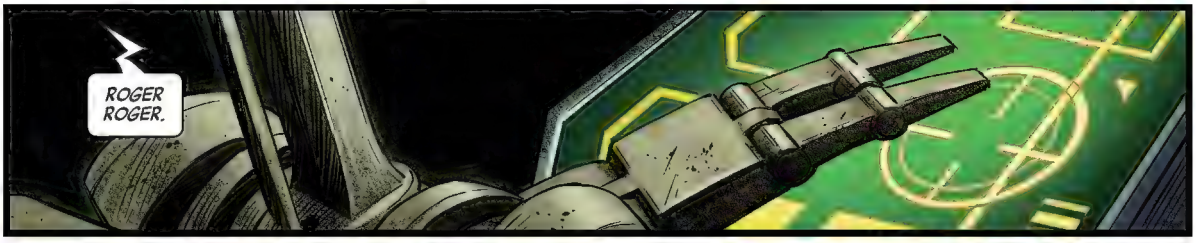
YOU SEEK TO DESTROY A POWER YOU DON'T COMPREHEND.
YOU HAVE CARVED AWAY YOUR OWN CONNECTION TO IT.
NO...
REPLACED IT WITH PARTS WHOSE STRENGTH YOU BELIEVE YOU UNDERSTAND.
BUT YOUR UNDERSTANDING IS NOT STRENGTH.
IT IS SMALL.
YOU ARE SMALL.

THAT IS ALL YOU WILL EVER BE.
SMALL, AM I?!
VWOOOSH
VWOOOSH
I'LL SHOW YOU HOW SMALL I AM!
HSOOOMM
VWOOOSH

RAAAAAARRRRGGH!
FSHHH
FSHHHH
FFSH
NOTHING...


YOU HAVE THE COORDINATES?
WE ARE LOCKED ONTO THE TARGET, GENERAL GRIEVOUS.
BUT A FACILITY THAT SIZE DOESN'T REQUIRE THE MAGNITUDE OF FIREPOWER THAT YOU--
YOU WERE BUILT TO OBEY ORDERS, NOT QUESTION THEM!
DO YOU WANT TO BE SCRAPPED?
ERRR... NO.


READY ON YOUR COMMAND, GENERAL.
FIRE.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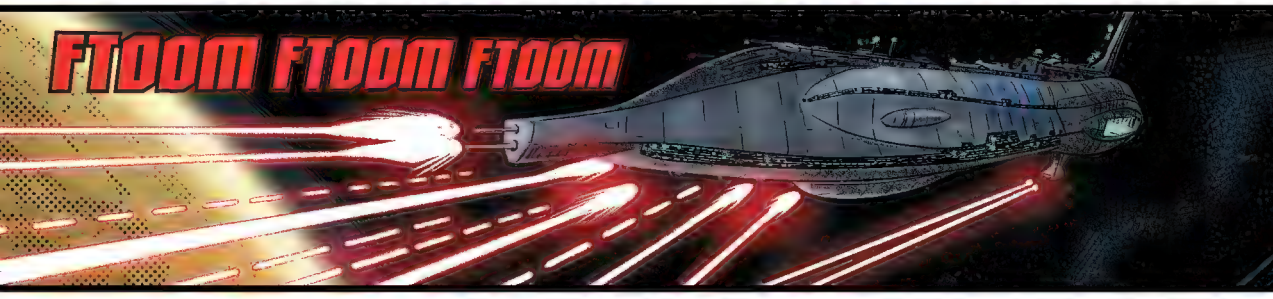
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FOR ALL YOUR TALK OF POWER...
...YOU BURN JUST AS EASILY.
END.

AGE OF REPUBLIC

General Grievous: The Infamous Droid General

By Bryan Young

General Grievous didn't get a whole lot of screen time during the prequel trilogy of the *Star Wars* saga. He was introduced in the opening crawl of *Revenge of the Sith* and we were left to wonder where this mysterious droid general came from. Ultimately it didn't matter that he was a Kaleesh warlord-turned perfect warrior and Jedi killing machine. All we needed to know was that he was a villain and going about his dark work. And if he was daring enough to kidnap Chancellor Palpatine on Coruscant, he was a dangerous enough challenge for our heroes with no more information needed.

The behind-the-scenes facts of the character are almost as fascinating and fun as the character himself. For instance, did you know that his wheezing hacks and coughs came straight from George Lucas? During recording sessions, Lucas had a hacking case of bronchitis and the sound editors incorporated those into the performance of the droid general.

THE VOICE

As *Revenge of the Sith* developed, George Lucas had problems filling the role of General Grievous. Lucas knew what he was looking for, but as he went through audition tapes, he still couldn't find *exactly* what he wanted.

In the meantime, Cartoon Network was hard at work on the second season of Genndy Tartakovsky's 2D animated iteration of *Star Wars: Clone Wars.* These animated shorts introduced the world to the lethality of General Grievous and someone had to bring life to the role, even though the part still remained uncast for *Revenge of the Sith.*

Enter veteran voice actor John DiMaggio. You'd recognize him as the voice of Bender on *Futurama* or Jake on *Adventure Time.* He came in and gave the character his unique spin, not knowing what the final version would sound like.

DiMaggio's Grievous was a little tinnier than what ended up in the film, and even he was replaced in the third season by the animation and video game voice actor Richard McGonagle.

In an interview with *LRM Online*, Matthew Wood, sound editor at Skywalker Sound and the final voice of General Grievous, recalls what Lucas was searching for. "George said he wanted something very vampiric, kind of Bela Lugosi–like, and that's kind of where that went." Wood had dabbled in voice acting and had just been on vacation in Eastern Europe and thought he could do exactly what Lucas was looking for. He put in an audition tape blindly and was shocked when he was informed that he had gotten the part.

The rest was history.

THE CLONE WARS

Wood didn't just voice Grievous for *Revenge of the Sith.* The droid general became an important component of *The Clone Wars.*

If one wants to know about Grievous and what motivates him, one needs to look no further than the first season episode "Lair of Grievous." Grievous has built a secret monument to himself, a cold and dark lair dedicated to keeping himself as upgraded and lethal as possible. Another episode that highlights the best of Grievous is "Shadow Warrior," when the general faces off against the Gungan Grand Army and comes up short. In every iteration, Wood brings a delicious lilt to the character's voice.

Henry Gilroy, a writer and producer of *The Clone Wars*, reminds us in an interview with *TheForce.Net* that Grievous, although he's lost so much of his body, is not a tragic character. "He's a cold-blooded mass murderer, a classic old-school villain—and different from Vader—in that he doesn't have any redeeming characteristics. What kind of vain egomaniac has statues of himself in his house? Maybe one who is trying to convince himself he did the right thing."

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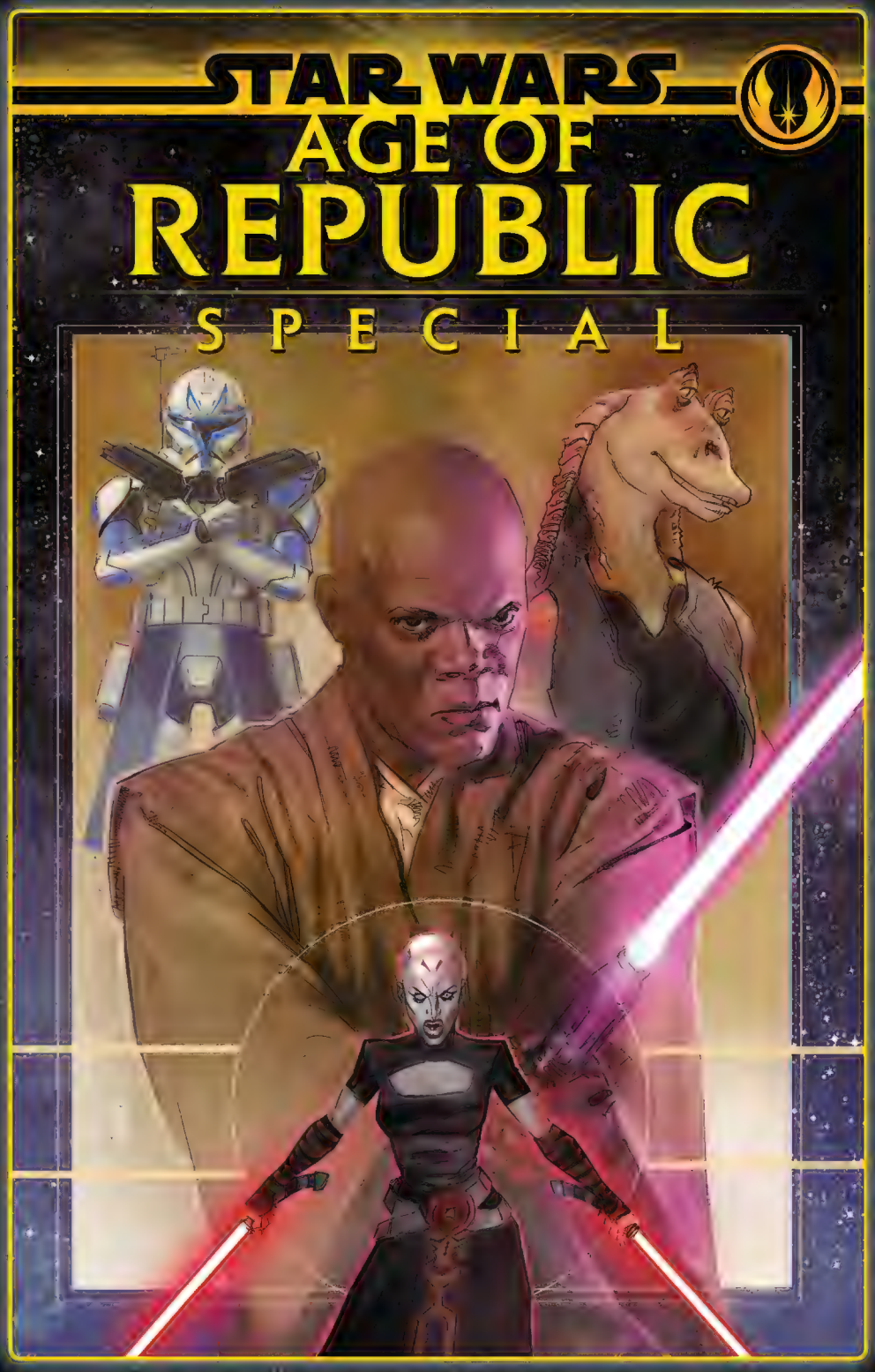


"THE WEAPON"

Master Mace Windu is known far and wide as one of the Jedi Order's most formidable warriors. But what the enemies of the Republic DON'T know about Mace could be their undoing. . . .

"SISTERS"

After narrowly surviving Count Dooku's betrayal and the destruction of her people by the Separatists, the fearsome Asajj Ventress is forging a new path. She may no longer be a dark apprentice, but she's as deadly and determined as ever. . . .

"501 PLUS ONE"

Captain Rex leads his fellow clone soldiers in valiant battle against the Separatist droid armies. And what better ally to have in the defense of the noble Galactic Republic than...Jar Jar Binks?!

Oosalon.
Outer Rim Territories.
ALL CLEAR. THE JEDI PATROL HAS PASSED.

IT SEEMS THAT FOR ALL THE REPUBLIC'S RESOURCES, HIS FELLOW JEDI CAN'T FIND HIM UNDER ALL THIS ROCK. EH, QUIA?
AND YET, HE SEEMS QUITE CONFIDENT.
YOU KNOW, FOR SOMEONE WHO IS ABOUT TO DIE.
AND YOU SEEM QUITE CONFIDENT FOR SUCH A YOUNG TERRORIST--
FREEDOM FIGHTER.
MAYBE... BUT A CHILD SHOULD BE IN A SCHOOL, NOT WAGING WAR FROM A CAVE.
GOT NO USE FOR SCHOOL LEARNING. NO FUTURE AT THE EDGE OF THE OUTER RIM.
OUT HERE, ONLY GUATTAKO THE GRIM TEACHES WHAT WE NEED TO KNOW NOW.
YOU WERE TAKEN AWAY AS A CHILD AND CORRUPTED BY A WARLORD'S HATE.
TAKEN AWAY FROM WHAT? BEGGING FOR FOOD ON THE STREETS?
I ALREADY HAD THE HATE. MY LORD GUATTAKO GAVE ME FOOD FOR MY BELLY. BESIDES--
--YOU SHOULD BE MORE WORRIED ABOUT YOURSELF!
WHAK
E CHU TA, JEDI!
THE SPIES WERE RIGHT, GUATTAKO. THE JEDI TRAVELED TO THE OUTPOST ALONE.
WE WERE ABLE TO CAPTURE AND DESTROY HIS WEAPON WITH NO TROUBLE.
YOU ARE A CREDIT TO THE CAUSE, KYOSSK. AND AS FOR YOU, MASTER WINDU...

...WELCOME TO MY BASE OF OPERATIONS.
IT MAY NOT LOOK LIKE MUCH, BUT FROM THESE HUMBLE BEGINNINGS, MY ARMY WILL LAUNCH A REVOLUTION THAT WILL BRING TRUE FREEDOM TO THIS QUADRANT!
LOOKS MORE LIKE A SAFE PLACE FOR YOU TO HIDE WHILE YOU SEND CHILDREN TO DIE IN BATTLE...
...AND IF YOUR MOTIVES ARE SO PURE, WHY IS YOUR OPERATION FUNDED BY THE HUTTS?
AHHH, SO THAT IS WHY THE GREAT MASTER MACE WINDU HAS DEIGNED TO VISIT THIS BACKWATER OF A PLANET...TO PASS HIS SANCTIMONIOUS JUDGMENT.
EVERY GREAT CAUSE REQUIRES SACRIFICES...
...WHETHER IT'S ACCEPTING HUTT RESOURCES FOR SOWING CHAOS IN THE RIGHT PLACES OR RECRUITING RAW SOLDIERS.

YOU DIDN'T "RECRUIT" THOSE 26 STUDENTS.
YOUR FORCES SLAUGHTERED THEIR TEACHERS AND KIDNAPPED FRIGHTENED CHILDREN.
...NOT THE KIND OF LEADER WHO *INSPIRES*, ARE YOU?
A GOOD ENOUGH LEADER TO SCARE THE ESTEEMED *CHANCELLOR VALORUM* OR YOU WOULDN'T BE HERE. THOSE STUDENTS WILL LEARN SOMETHING...GREATER WITH ME.
I HAVE SEEN THE DEAD BODIES OF YOUR CHILD SOLDIERS. THIS ENDS NOW.
YOU'RE RIGHT, THIS DOES END NOW... WITH THE BROADCAST OF YOUR EXECUTION. THAT WILL INSPIRE MANY NEW CONVERTS TO GUATTAKO'S CAUSE.
AND WITHOUT A WORKING LASER SWORD...
...YOU ARE POWERLESS TO SAVE YOURSELF...
...MUCH LESS MY NEWEST FREEDOM FIGHTERS.

I WILL GIVE YOU ONE CHANCE TO SURRENDER PEACEFULLY.
HAHAHAHAHAH! WHAT? YOU THINK YOUR JEDI FRIENDS WILL SOMEHOW ARRIVE IN TIME TO SAVE YOU?
OH, THEY'LL BE HERE SOON ENOUGH. BUT I'LL BE FINISHED BEFORE THEN.
HAH! AND HOW ARE YOU EXPECTING THEM TO FIND YOU?
THUMP
OOSALON HAS 80,000 KILOMETERS OF TUNNELS. YOUR JEDI COULD SEARCH FOR A CENTURY AND NOT FIND THIS EXACT CAVERN...
...UNLESS--
UNLESS...
...ONE OF US WAS SENT HERE TO LEAD THE OTHERS TO THE EXACT SPOT...
CLK
CLK
GETTING CAPTURED WAS YOUR PLAN ALL ALONG...
SENDING A CALL TO OTHER JEDI THROUGH THE FORCE WAS THE SECOND LESSON I LEARNED AS A PADAWAN...
THE SECOND?
WHAT... WHAT WAS THE FIRST?

I CAN'T DO THIS, MASTER HUYANG! I'M NEVER GOING TO BE ABLE TO BUILD MY LIGHTSABER.
PATIENCE, YOUNG MACE. THE SECRET IS THAT THE PIECES NEVER NEEDED TO BE "BUILT."
IT IS THE FORCE THAT BINDS THEM TOGETHER... THROUGH YOU.
THAT MAKES YOU THE WEAPON.
I...I DID IT!
CLICK SHUNK, CLICK
DO NOT LET IT GET TO THE JEDI!
HURRKKKK!
IT'S MOVING BY ITSELF!

SHRAK SHRAK
NO... NOT BY ITSELF!
KILL HIM!
ZZZYUMM
ZZZYUMM
NO!!!
IT CAN'T END LIKE THIS!
PEW PEW PEW
UHNNNN.
THOOM
AAAAHHH!

YOU WILL NOT STOP THE CAUSE!
KAZZAAAAKK
YOUR CAUSE WAS ALREADY LOST...
...AS SOON AS YOU RESORTED TO KIDNAPPING AND WORKING FOR THE HUTTS!

POW
THUNKK
URK!
BZZZZEW
CAN I GO HOME NOW?

NICE OF YOU ALL TO JOIN THE PARTY.
WE WOULD HAVE BEEN HERE SOONER BUT DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW MANY TUNNELS--
ABOUT 80,000 KILOMETERS WORTH...I'VE HEARD.
WELL DONE, MASTER WINDU. ALL THE CHILDREN DID YOU SAVE.
AND WHAT OF QUIA, MASTER YODA? SHE IS A YOUNG ENOUGH ORPHAN THAT PERHAPS SHE COULD FIND A NEW HOME.
NO. FACE IMPRISONMENT FOR HER ROLE IN TERRORIST ATTACKS, SHE WILL.
INTERFERE IN LOCAL LAWS, WE CANNOT.
THEN WE DIDN'T SAVE EVERYONE...
...DID WE?

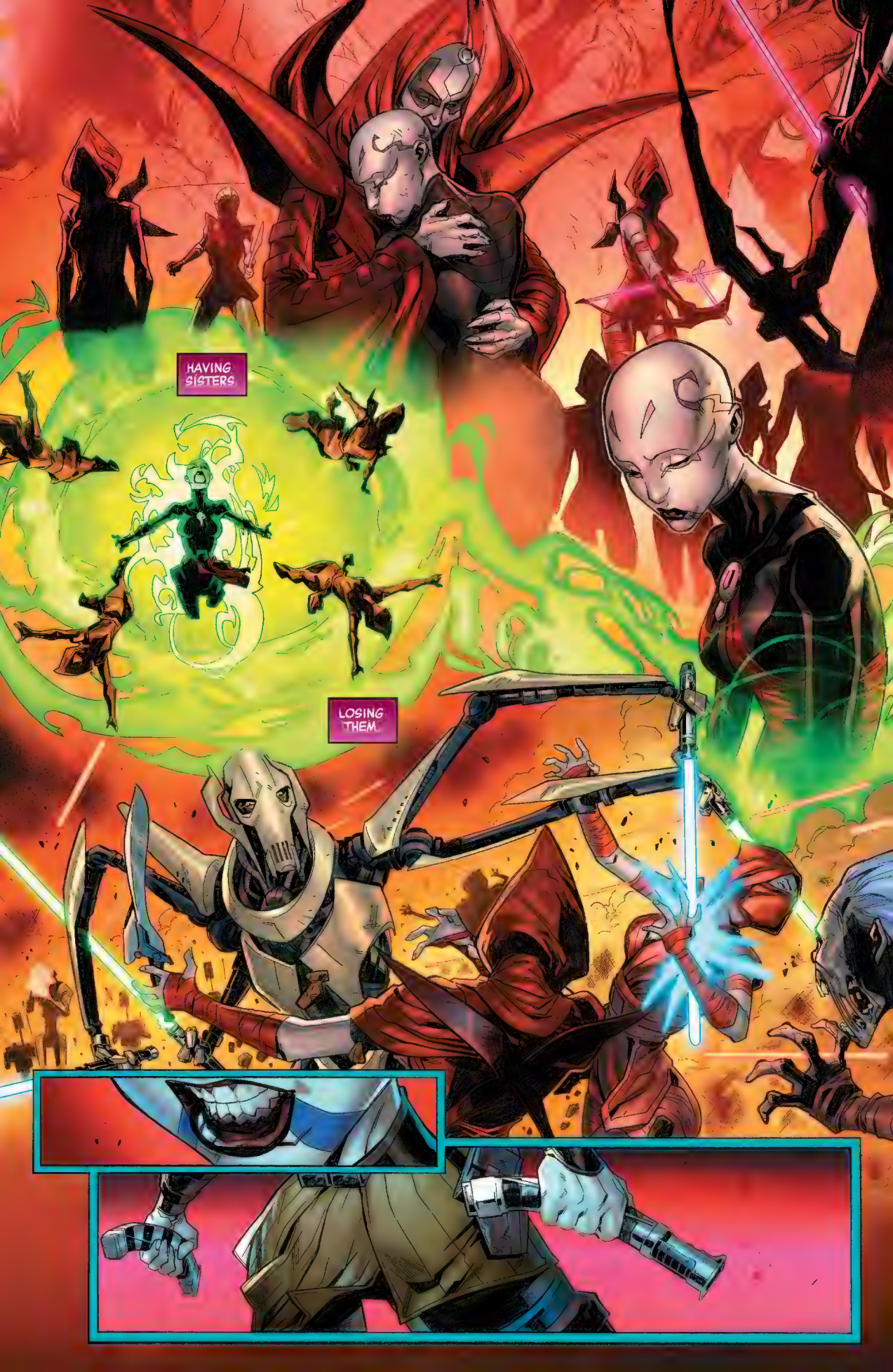
Coruscant.
Lower Levels.
THE BOUNTY SAID ALIVE.
HE'S STILL BREATHING. FOR THE MOMENT.
NOW, ABOUT MY PAYMENT.
IF HE DIES BEFORE HE CAN BE QUESTIONED...
AND HOW IS THAT MY PROBLEM?
TAP
I'LL GET YOUR CREDITS.

WAIT. THAT'S...
ANYONE ELSE HUNTING THAT BOUNTY YET?
JUST CAME DOWN.
DOUBT ANY OF THE USUALS ARE CRAZY ENOUGH ANYWAY.
GOOD.
AHSOKA TANO IS MINE.

WHAT TROUBLE HAS THAT LITTLE JEDI GOTTEN HERSELF INTO?
MUST BE SOMETHING SPECIAL IF THEY'RE PUTTING BOUNTIES OUT ON THEIR OWN.
IF SKYWALKER LET HIS LITTLE STUDENT BECOME A TARGET...
BRINGING IN ONE WHO STRAYED FROM THE PACK...
...COULD DO A LOT TO MAKE THINGS RIGHT IN THE EYES OF THE REPUBLIC.
HANDS TO YOURSELF, IF YOU WANT TO KEEP THEM.
A...APOLOGIES...
NOOOOO!

SOUNDS THE RIGHT AGE. AND THE REPORT SAID TANO WAS SPOTTED NOT FAR FROM HERE.
COULD BE NOTHING. OR IT COULD BE OUR GIRL.
LEAVE US ALONE!
THAT'S IT?
A PETTY SQUABBLE AMONG THE LOCALS?
LITTLE THINGS LIKE YOU DON'T NEED MUCH FOOD.

IT'S OURS!
HAHAHAH!
AAAH!
LEAVE HER ALONE!
NOT MY BUSINESS
BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN I DON'T REMEMBER WHAT IT'S LIKE
BEING YOUNG SCARED


HAVING SISTERS
LOSING THEM

LEAVE THEM ALONE.

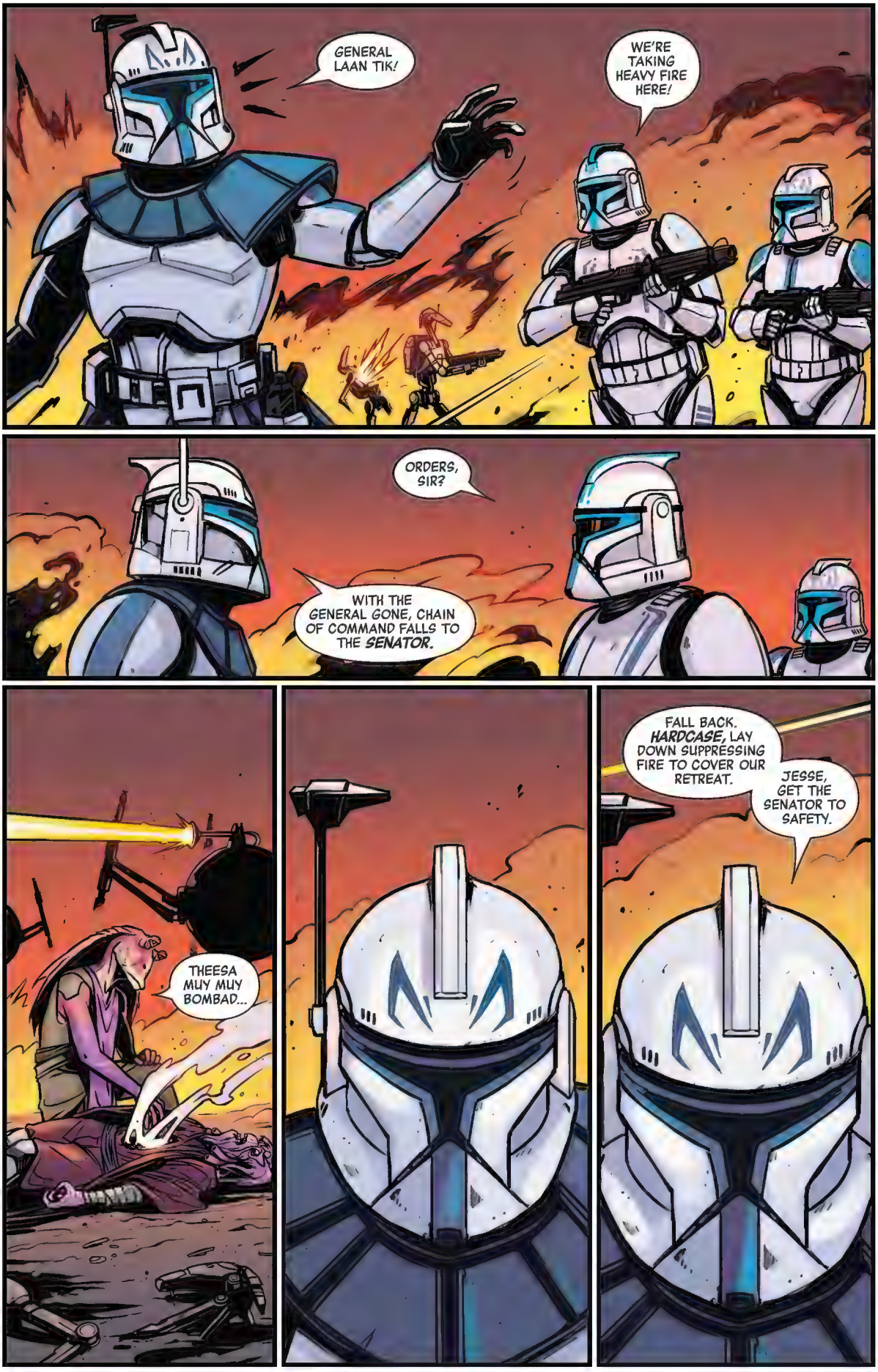
KEEP YOUR NOSE OUT OF IT.
IF YOU WANT IT TO STAY ATTACHED TO YOUR FACE.
YOU CAN TRY.
DO YOU EVEN KNOW HOW TO USE THOSE THINGS, GIRL?
YOU'RE GOING TO REGRET--
GAAAAHH!

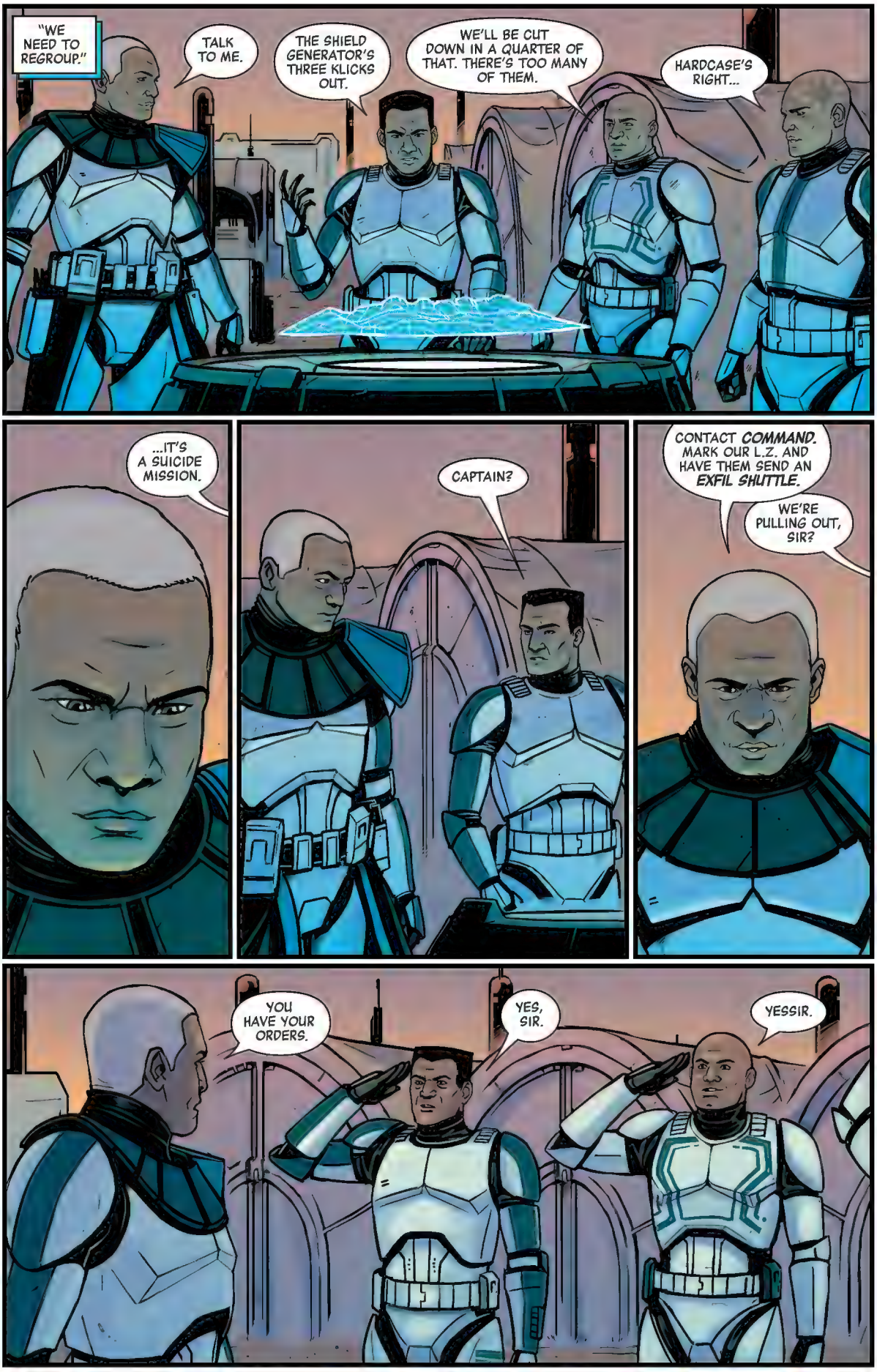
YOU LITTLE--
AARRGHH!
RUN.

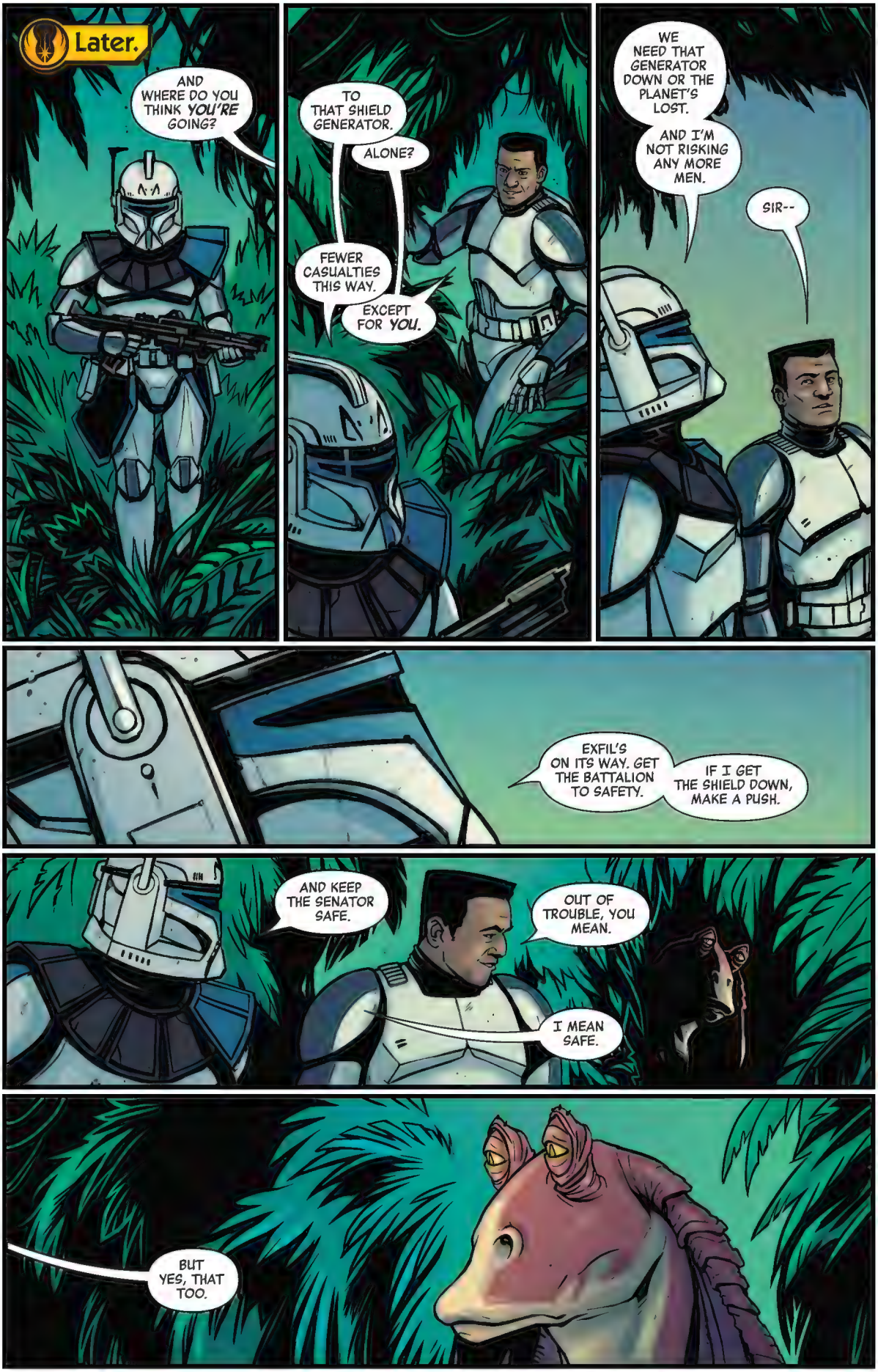
NEXT TIME SOMEONE BOTHERS YOU? USE THIS.
THANK YOU.
ARE YOU HUNGRY?
KEEP IT. IT'S YOURS.
AND KEEP EACH OTHER SAFE.
FOR AS LONG AS YOU CAN

REX.
STAY WITH ME, REX...
The Battle Of Arantara.
GEN--
GENERAL SKYWALKER?
GUILTY AS CHARGED.
YOU... CAME FOR ME.
IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN ME WHO WENT IN THE FIRST PLACE.
A TRUE LEADER ALWAYS LEADS FROM THE FRONT.
"PUSH FORWARD..."
...MOVE!!!

The Battle of Mimban.
501ST ADVANCE!
MUD JUMPERS, BACK UP GENERAL LAAN TIK!
I ASSURE YOU, I CAN TAKE CARE OF MYSELF, CAPTAIN REX.
HARDCASE!
GET THE SENATOR OUT OF HERE!
WOULD LOVE TO! HE SHOULDN'T EVEN BE HERE IN THE FIRST PLACE!
WE NEEDED A SWAMP NATIVE TO INTERFACE WITH THE MIMBANESE.
MESA NO WANNA DIE BOMBAD!!!
MESA SHOULDA STAYED HOME!!!
HE'S DOING A HECK OF A JOB.
JUST GET HIM TO SAFETY. WE NEED TO--
HGGH!!!
SHRAM

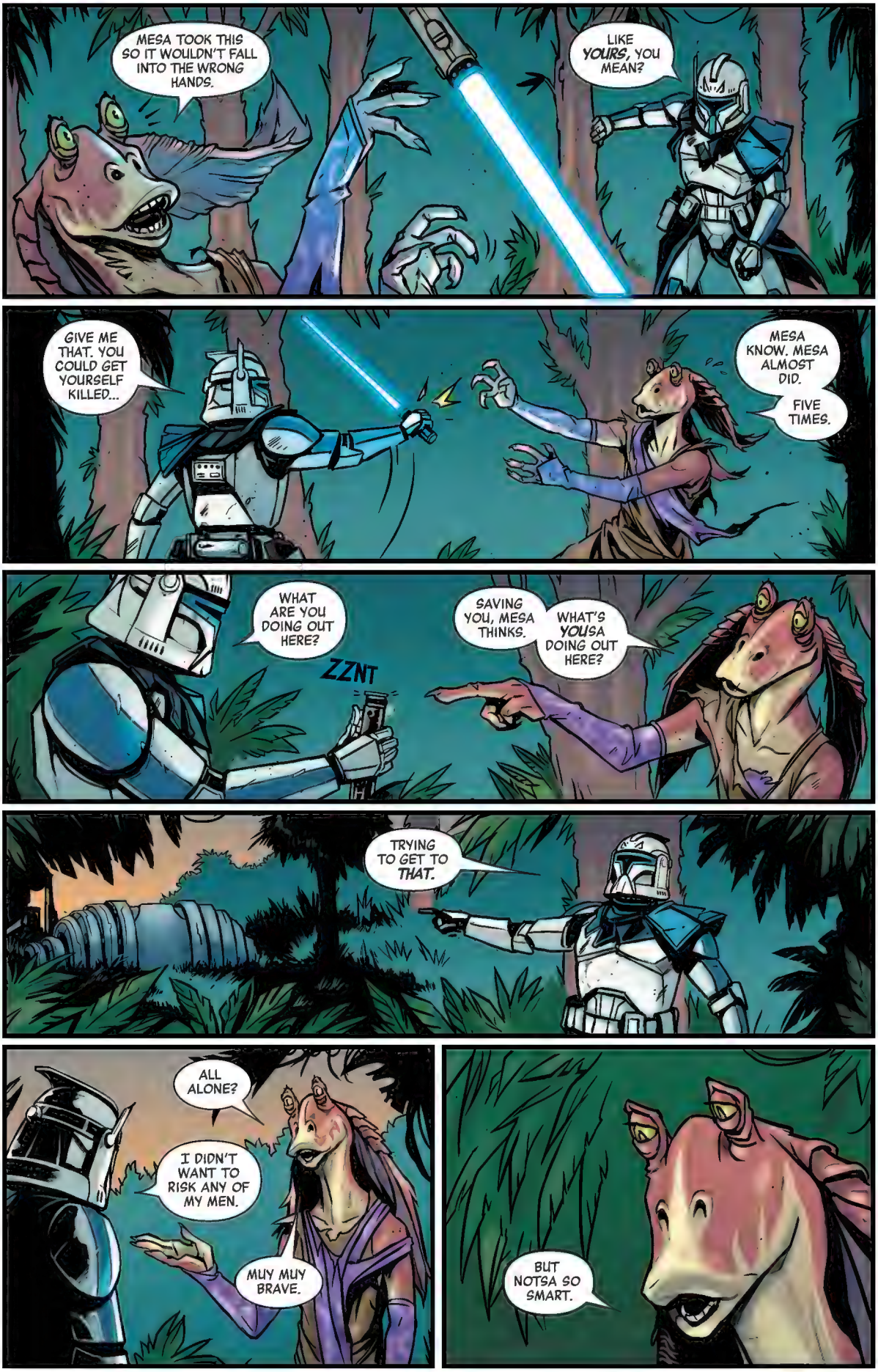

GENERAL LAAN TIK!
WE'RE TAKING HEAVY FIRE HERE!
ORDERS, SIR?
WITH THE GENERAL GONE, CHAIN OF COMMAND FALLS TO THE SENATOR.
THEESA MUY MUY BOMBAD...
FALL BACK. HARDCASE, LAY DOWN SUPPRESSING FIRE TO COVER OUR RETREAT.
JESSE, GET THE SENATOR TO SAFETY.


"WE NEED TO REGROUP."
TALK TO ME.
THE SHIELD GENERATOR'S THREE KLICKS OUT.
WE'LL BE CUT DOWN IN A QUARTER OF THAT. THERE'S TOO MANY OF THEM.
HARDCASE'S RIGHT...
...IT'S A SUICIDE MISSION.
CAPTAIN?
CONTACT COMMAND. MARK OUR L.Z. AND HAVE THEM SEND AN EXFIL SHUTTLE.
WE'RE PULLING OUT, SIR?
YOU HAVE YOUR ORDERS.
YES, SIR.
YESSIR.

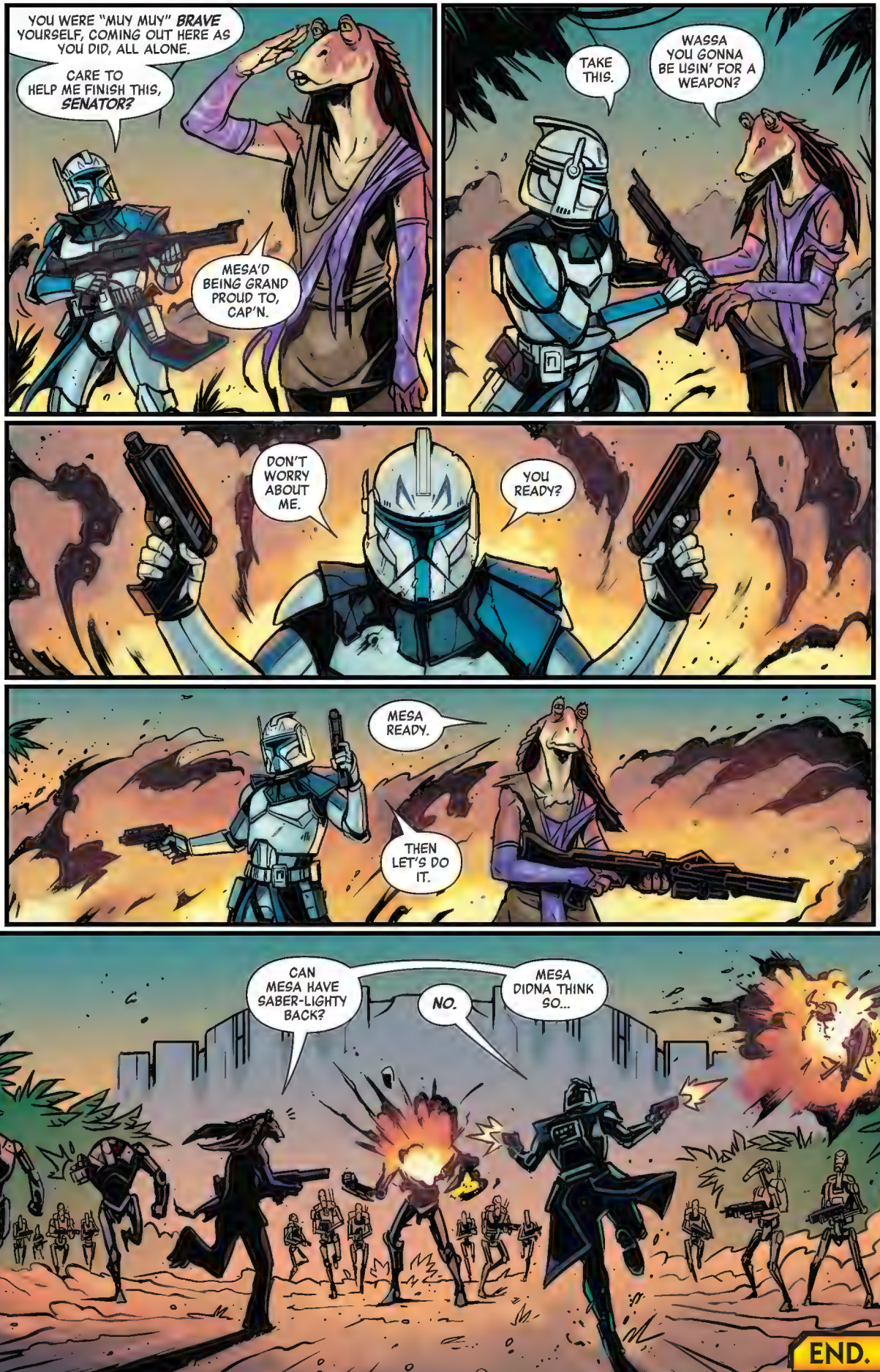

Later.
AND WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?
TO THAT SHIELD GENERATOR.
ALONE?
FEWER CASUALTIES THIS WAY.
EXCEPT FOR YOU.
WE NEED THAT GENERATOR DOWN OR THE PLANET'S LOST.
AND I'M NOT RISKING ANY MORE MEN.
SIR--
EXFIL'S ON ITS WAY. GET THE BATTALION TO SAFETY.
IF I GET THE SHIELD DOWN, MAKE A PUSH.
AND KEEP THE SENATOR SAFE.
OUT OF TROUBLE, YOU MEAN.
I MEAN SAFE.
BUT YES, THAT TOO.

Several Hard-Fought Hours Later.
DIE REPUBLIC SCUM!
SZZZEET
GNF!
HNNG...
HGGH!
PEW
WASTE HIM.
ROGER ROGER.

NNNNNNNNNNUUUUUN
GENERAL LAAN TIK?
NOSA...
...NOT EXACTLY.
OOO, EESA MUY SLIPIDY...


MESA TOOK THIS SO IT WOULDN'T FALL INTO THE WRONG HANDS.
LIKE *YOURS*, YOU MEAN?
GIVE ME THAT. YOU COULD GET YOURSELF KILLED...
MESA KNOW. MESA ALMOST DID.
FIVE TIMES.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT HERE?
ZZNT
SAVING YOU, MESA THINKS.
WHAT'S *YOU*SA DOING OUT HERE?
TRYING TO GET TO *THAT*.
ALL ALONE?
I DIDN'T WANT TO RISK ANY OF MY MEN.
MUY MUY BRAVE.
BUT NOTSA SO SMART.

"A TRUE LEADER ALWAYS LEADS FROM THE FRONT."
WHOSA TOLD YOU DAT?
A FRIEND.
CHOOOM
REINFORCEMENTS.
WE'RE CLOSE.


YOU WERE "MUY MUY" BRAVE YOURSELF, COMING OUT HERE AS YOU DID, ALL ALONE.
CARE TO HELP ME FINISH THIS, SENATOR?
MESA'D BEING GRAND PROUD TO, CAP'N.
TAKE THIS.
WASSA YOU GONNA BE USIN' FOR A WEAPON?
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME.
YOU READY?
MESA READY.
THEN LET'S DO IT.
CAN MESA HAVE SABER-LIGHTY BACK?
NO.
MESA DIDNA THINK SO...
END.

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A GROWING GALAXY

The Star Wars *Saga Just Wouldn't Be the Same Without These Stellar Supporting Characters*

By Glenn Greenberg

A long time ago—specifically from 1977 to 1983—the *Star Wars* Galaxy was a much smaller place. If you asked fans back then to pick a favorite, you would likely hear the same names repeatedly: Luke Skywalker. Han Solo. Princess Leia. R2-D2. Yoda. Or, from those fans with darker tastes, Darth Vader or the bounty hunter Boba Fett.

But as George Lucas extended the saga, both on the big screen—via the Prequel Trilogy of *The Phantom Menace, Attack of the Clones* and *Revenge of the Sith*—and on the small screen through the animated series *The Clone Wars*, many new characters were introduced. And suddenly, you were likely to hear a completely different bunch of names cited as favorites. Today, many fans would find it impossible to imagine the *Star Wars* Galaxy without these key supporting players.

Asajj Ventress

Although originally conceived as an unused concept for Palpatine's apprentice in *Attack of the Clones*, Asajj Ventress eventually appeared in other media including 2008's *The Clone Wars* TV show. A native of Dathomir—homeworld of the magic-wielding witches known as the Nightsisters and the birthplace of the Sith Lord Darth Maul—Ventress was trained in the ways of the Force by the Jedi Knight Ky Narec. But when Narec was killed, Ventress' rage put her on a direct path to the dark side—and to the Sith Lord Count Dooku, who took her on as his apprentice.

Armed with twin red-bladed lightsabers, Ventress was a formidable combatant and had numerous encounters with Jedi Knights Obi-Wan Kenobi and Anakin Skywalker. But Dooku eventually betrayed her and left her for dead, under orders from his master, Darth Sidious—secretly Chancellor Palpatine, who perceived Ventress as a threat to him and his dark rule.

With few options left to her, Ventress eventually became a bounty hunter. Over time, it became apparent that goodness, compassion and a sense of honor had not been extinguished from her fully.

"We thought of all the characters developed for *The Clone Wars*, Ventress had become one of the most interesting," the show's supervising director, Dave Filoni, told a crowd at San Diego Comic-Con in 2014. Indeed, she became the subject of a 2015 novel, *Dark Disciple*, which wrapped up her story in dramatic fashion. The book was based on unproduced scripts that the show's creative team had written with George Lucas. "We had these great ideas for Asajj Ventress," Filoni said, expressing his happiness about those ideas coming to fruition. "To me," he said, "the whole thing is just getting the story told."

Captain Rex

Leader of the Republic's 501st Legion of clone troopers, Captain Rex—formally CT-7567—debuted in 2008's Star Wars: *The Clone Wars* movie and went on to appear in the TV series that followed. Like all clone troopers, Rex was created from the genetic material of the bounty hunter Jango Fett, born and bred to serve the Republic and protect its citizens.

Rex was a loyal and valued soldier and a trusted comrade to Obi-Wan Kenobi, Anakin Skywalker and Skywalker's apprentice, Ahsoka Tano, with whom the clone eventually formed a strong friendship. The independent-minded Skywalker and the strong-willed Tano inspired Rex, and he ultimately began to question the purpose of the Clone Wars as more and more of his brethren were killed and destruction spread across the galaxy.

As revealed in the subsequent animated series, *Star Wars Rebels*, Rex survived the Clone Wars and removed his inhibitor chip following Order 66 and the extermination of the Jedi Knights. In *Rebels*, set nearly two decades after *The Clone Wars*, Rex decides to join the Rebel Alliance, providing it with his military experience and knowledge.

Mace Windu

Throughout the Prequel Trilogy and *The Clone Wars*, Jedi Master Mace Windu was a no-nonsense administrator and a highly skilled warrior with strong beliefs and principles. He doubted Jedi Master Qui-Gon Jinn's assertions that young Anakin Skywalker was the chosen one prophesied to destroy the Sith and bring balance to the Force. As Skywalker grew up, Windu had misgivings about him—which turned out to be justified, given Anakin's turn to the dark side and transformation into Darth Vader.

Although Windu was initially skeptical of the Sith's return and of former Jedi Count Dooku's villainy, Windu took decisive action, leading a Jedi force to Geonosis to rescue Skywalker, Kenobi and Senator Padmé Amidala from Dooku. Later, upon discovering that Palpatine was a Sith Lord, Windu rushed out to apprehend him. But he was betrayed by Skywalker and destroyed by the man who would become Emperor.

Samuel L. Jackson, who played Windu, had lobbied publicly to be in a *Star Wars* movie. George Lucas responded with an offer Jackson couldn't refuse. In a 2013 TV interview, Jackson recalled telling Lucas, "I just want to be in the movie. I'll be a stormtrooper, you can put me in one of those white suits, let me run across the screen, nobody needs to know but me, and I'll be happy."

It was Jackson who came up with the idea of Windu's amethyst-colored lightsaber—as opposed to the usual red, blue or green—for *Attack of the Clones*. "We had this big arena [on Geonosis], this fight scene with all these Jedi," Jackson explained. "And I was like…'I want to be able to find myself in this big ol' scene!'"

Jar Jar Binks

Exiled by his people, the Gungans, because of his clumsiness, Jar Jar Binks of Naboo had a life-changing encounter with Qui-Gon Jinn and Obi-Wan Kenobi during the Trade Federation's blockade of his homeworld. Binks accompanied the two Jedi Knights as they sought to resolve the crisis. Along the way, he met and befriended Padmé Amidala—Naboo's queen—and then, during a side trip to Tatooine, young Anakin Skywalker.

Jar Jar proved his worth by helping to unite Naboo's humans and Gungans against the Trade Federation—and then leading Gungan troops against an army of Trade Federation battle droids. Later, he entered politics, becoming a representative for his people in the Galactic Senate and working closely with now-Senator Amidala.

Throughout the Prequel Trilogy and *The Clone Wars*, Jar Jar demonstrated a dedication to serving others, loyalty to his friends and an innocence that could sometimes be used against him. He was manipulated into introducing the measure that would grant Chancellor Palpatine emergency powers, which led to the Clone Wars and, ultimately, the rise of Palpatine's Galactic Empire.

The 2017 novel *Aftermath: Empire's End* revealed that Binks was exiled again by the Gungans, who blamed him for Palpatine's reign of darkness. He ended up as a street performer on Naboo, entertaining children—somewhat fitting, since he was created to be comic relief.

"I think the comic-relief character is an important dramatic device," George Lucas told *Rolling Stone* in 1999. More importantly, Jar Jar was the first fully computer-generated supporting character in a feature film. "We had finally developed the ability to do a photo-realistic animated character that is believable," Lucas said. "I was able to do it with Yoda [as a puppet], but Jar Jar could actually move around and walk with the characters and do physical humor."

So Jar Jar helped usher in the spectacular technical wizardry that we see in movies today. Not a bad legacy for a klutz.

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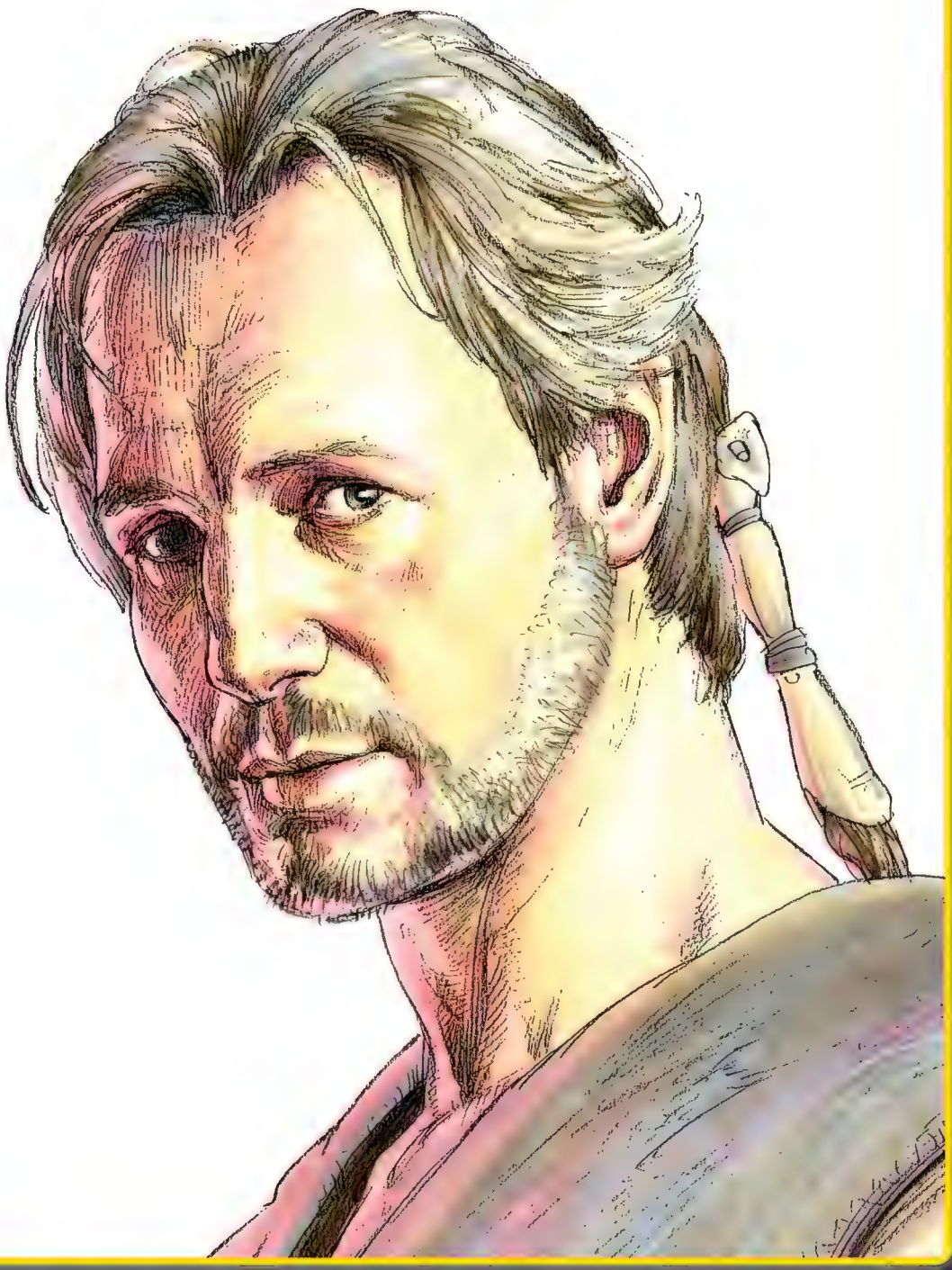

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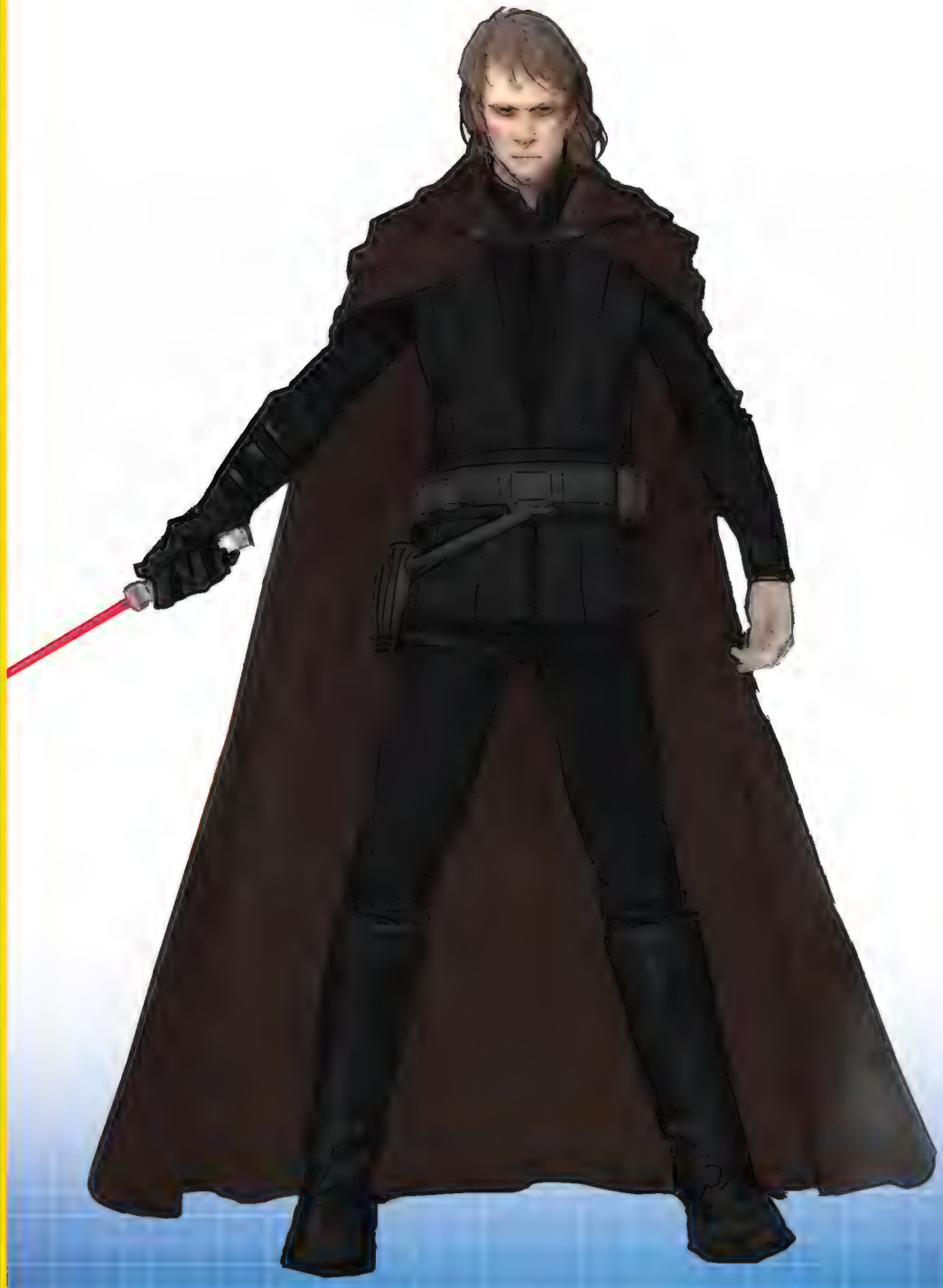

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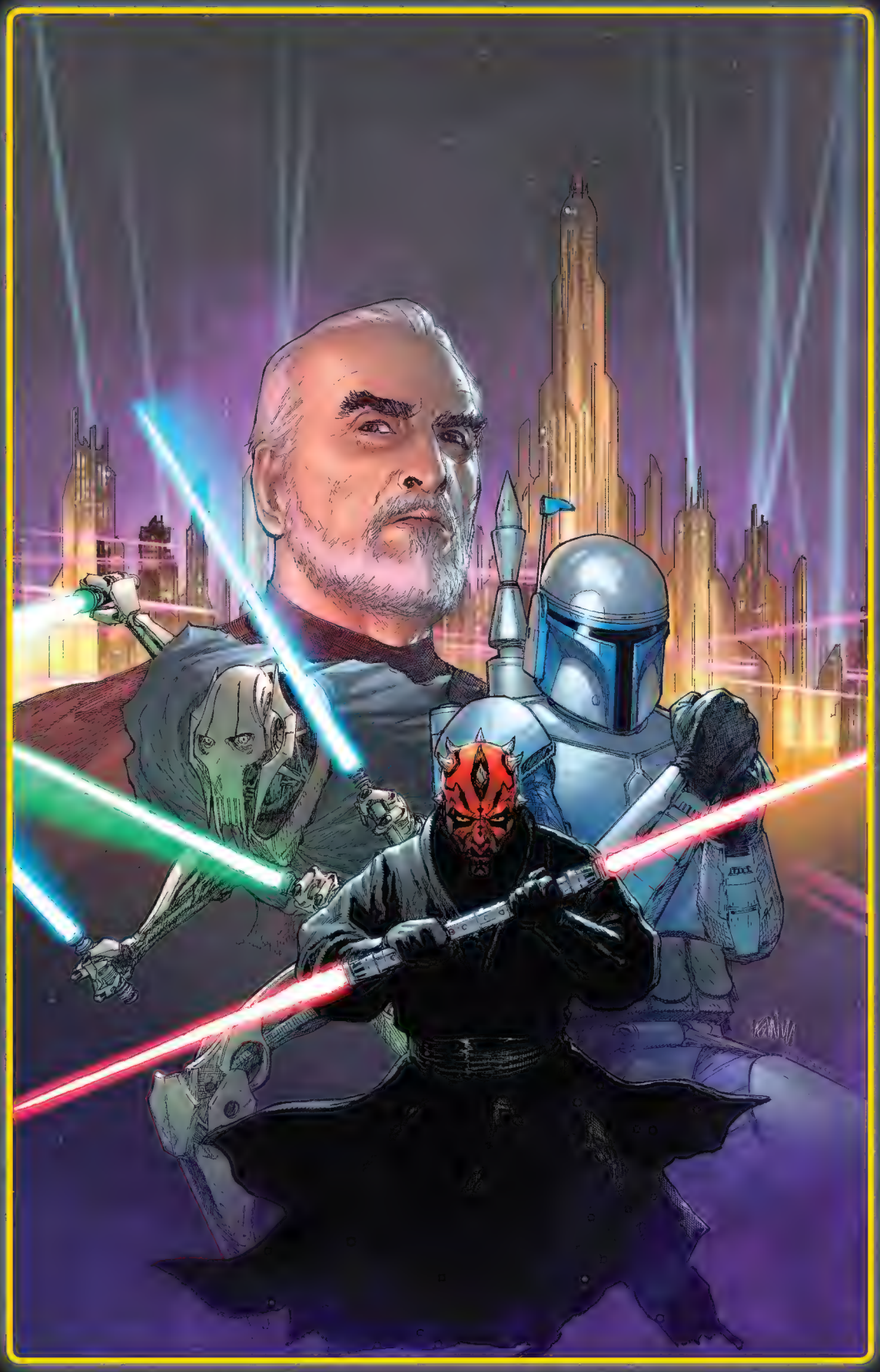

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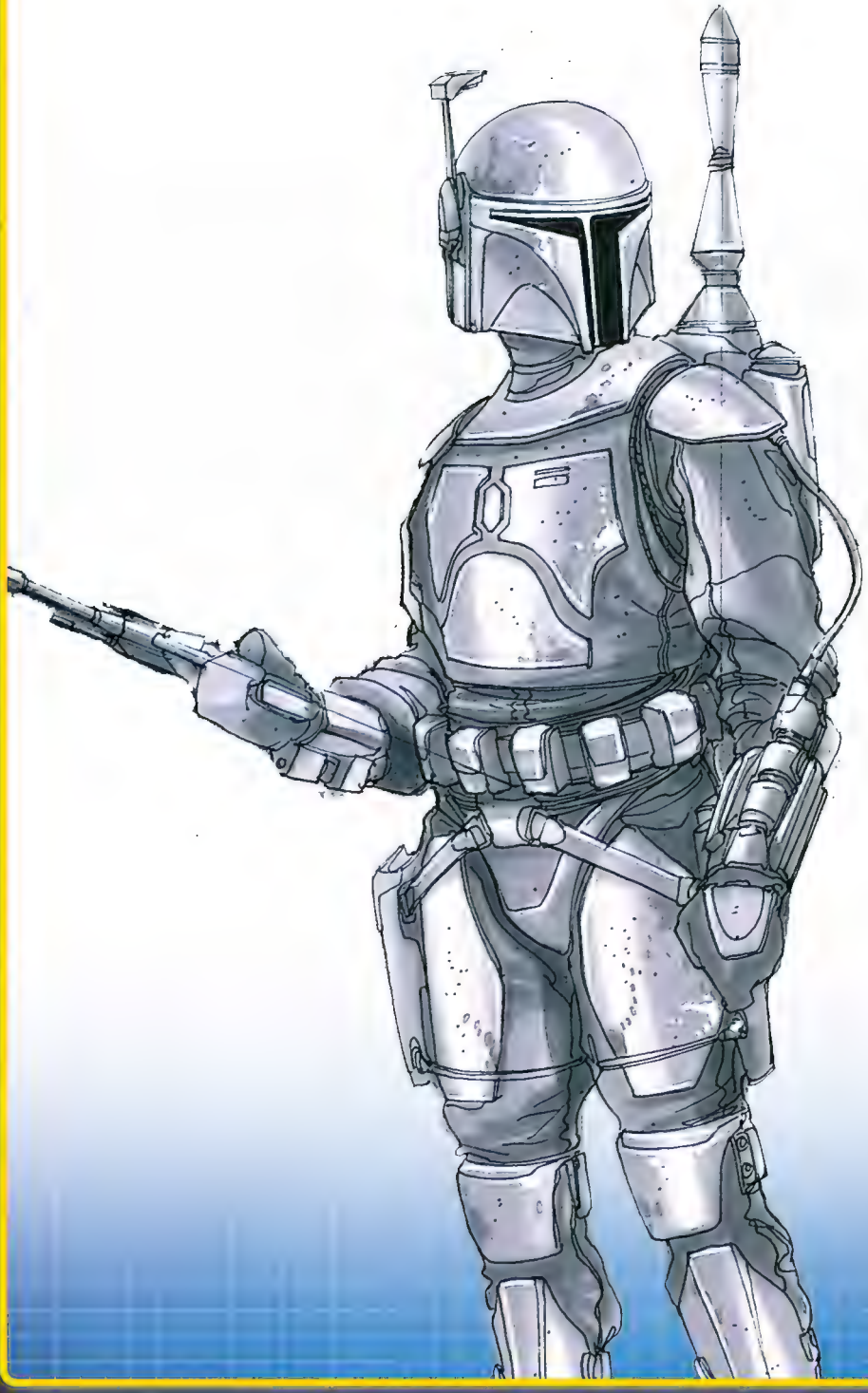

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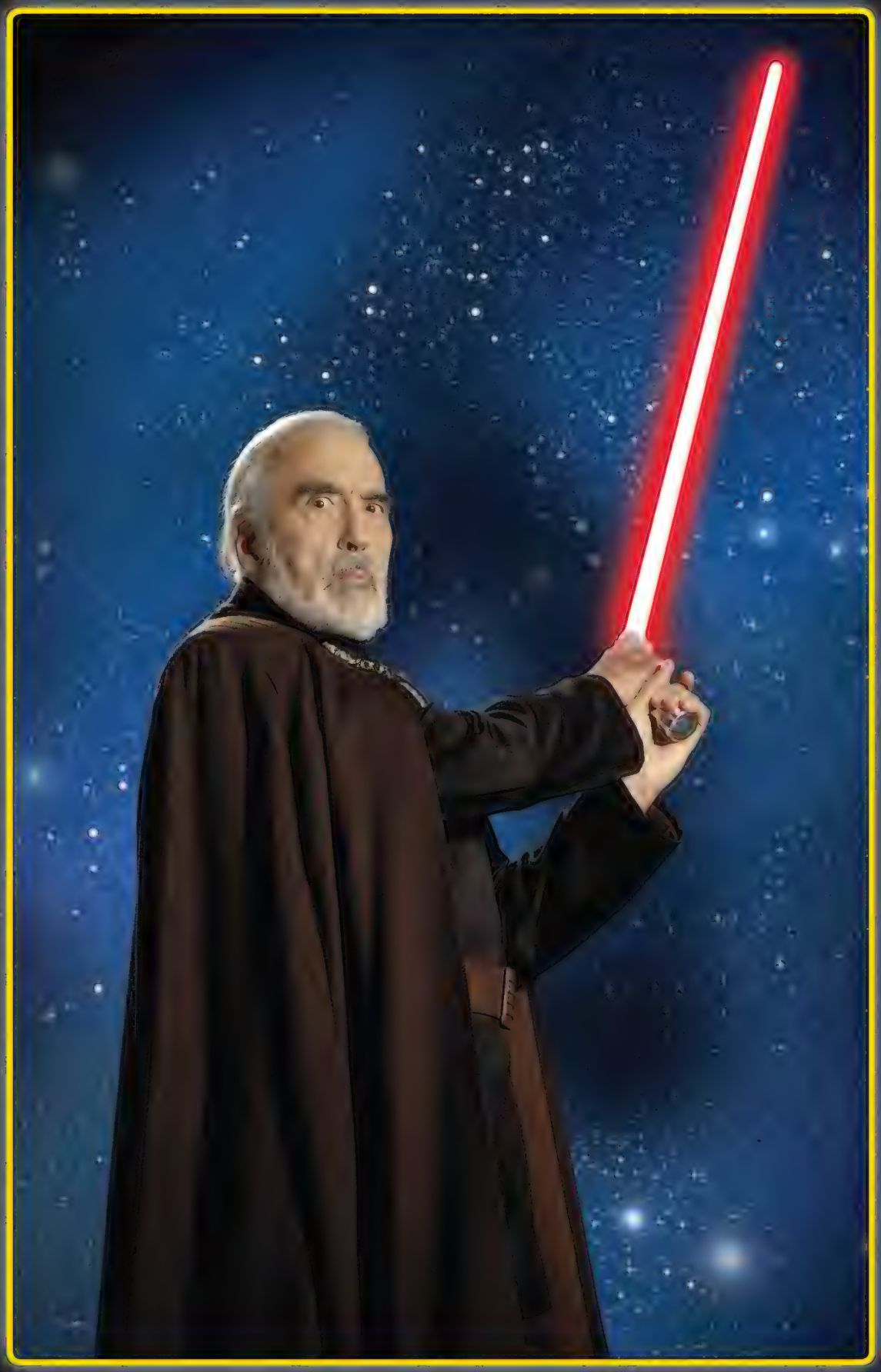

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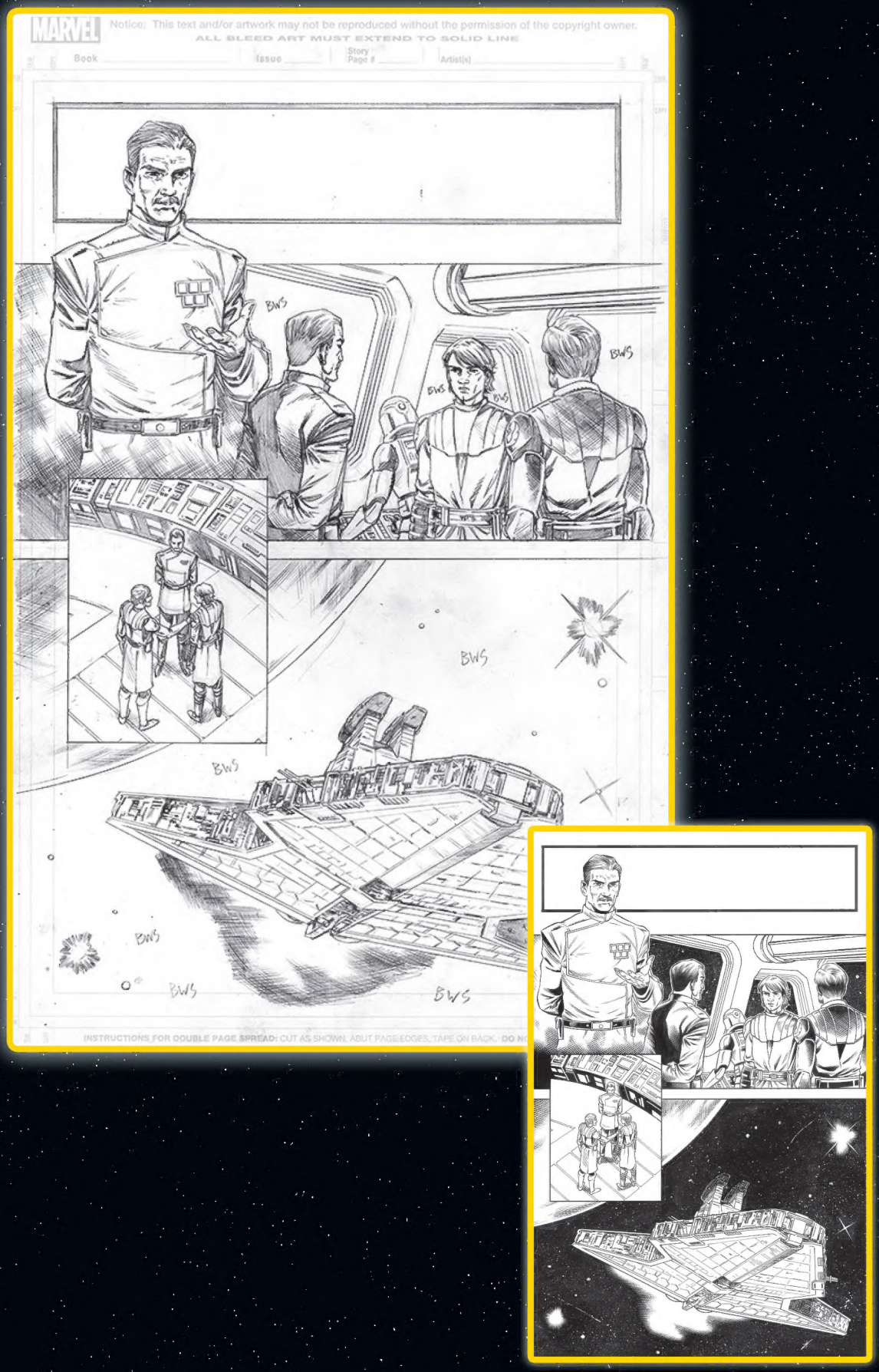
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